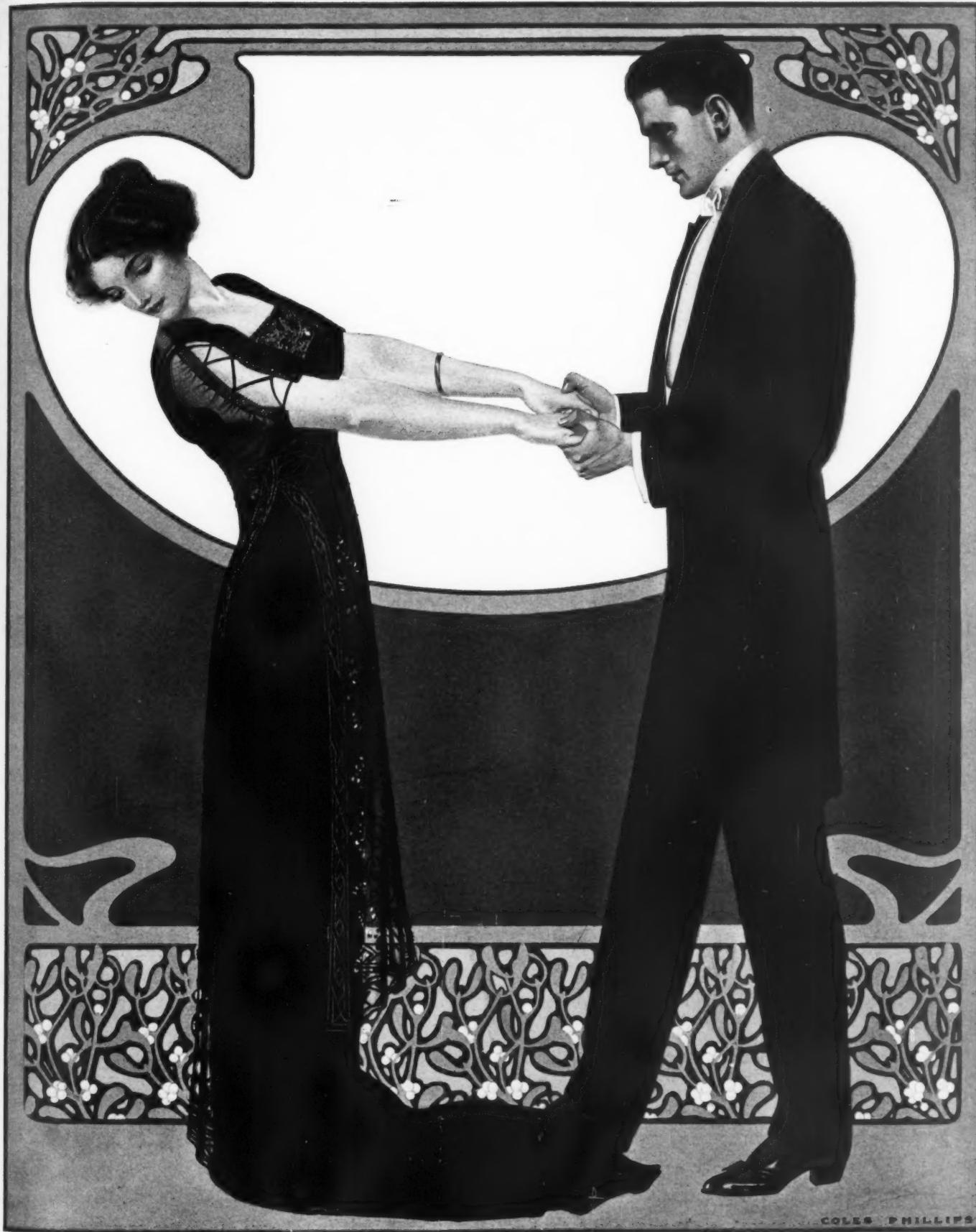


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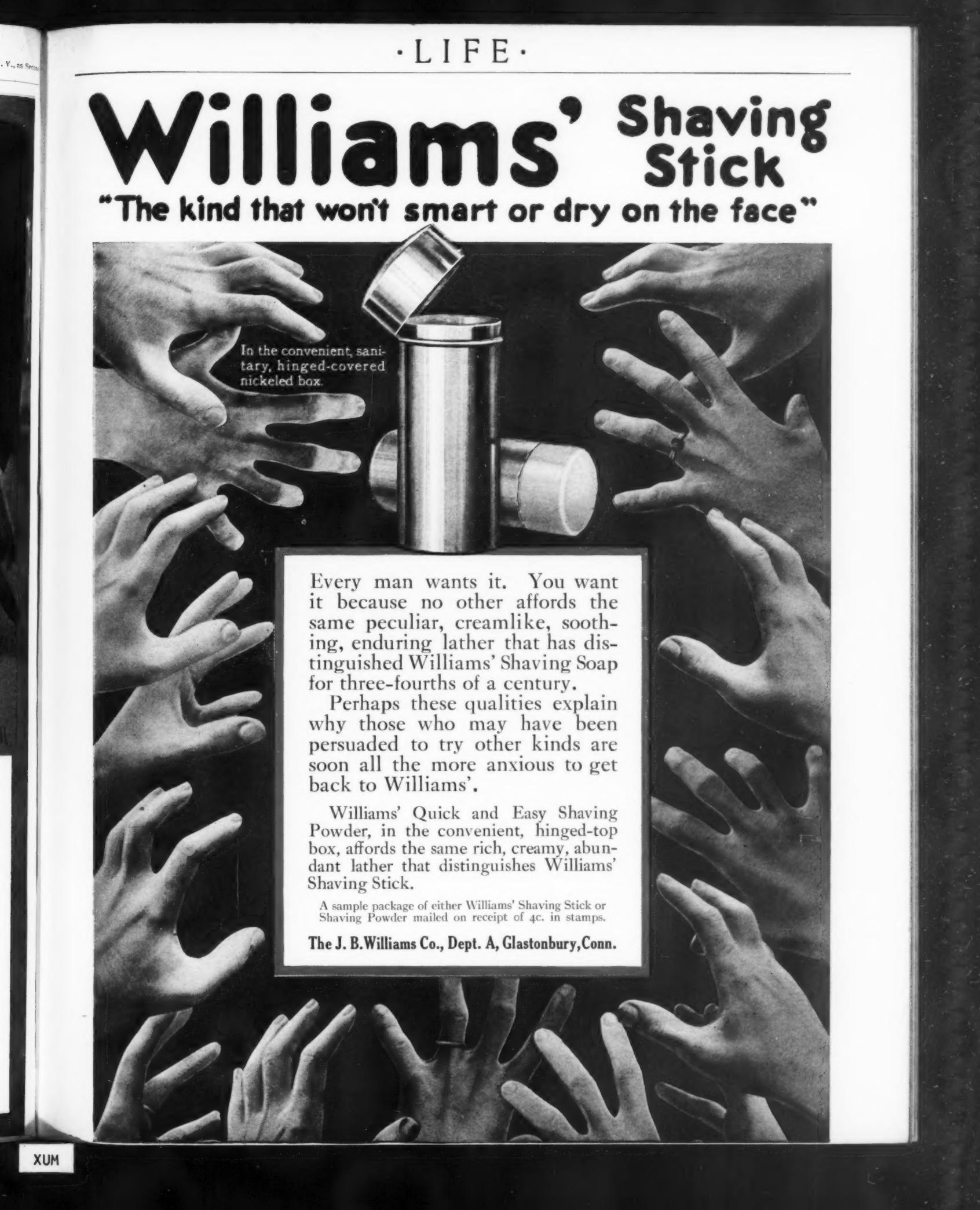
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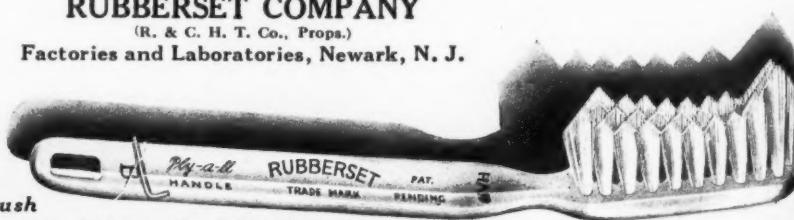
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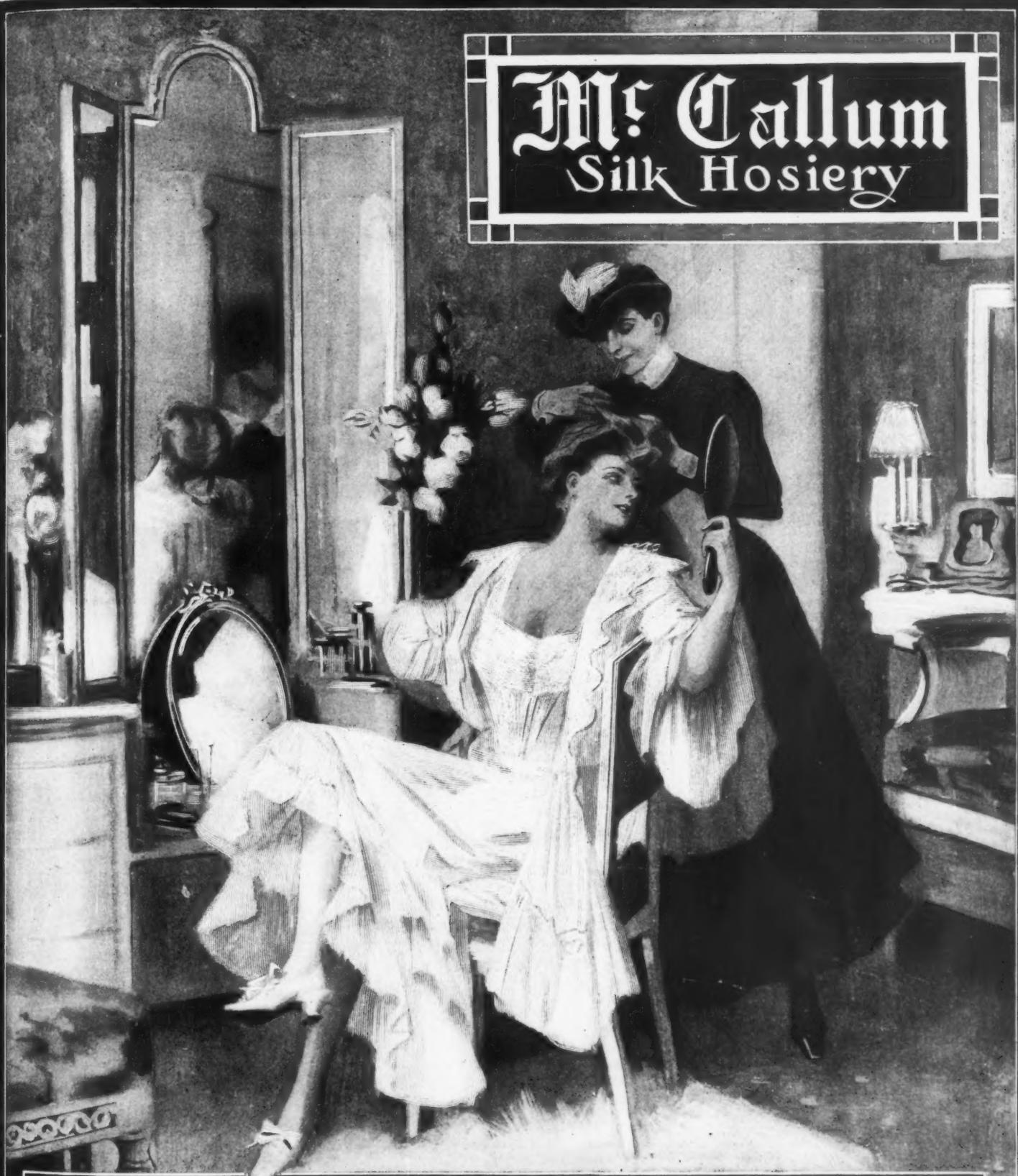
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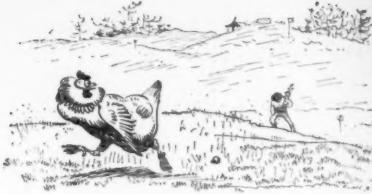
Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

You did it last year earlier than before. Do it early again.

It is better for you. You will be less crowded in the doing of it. You will have a better choice of the commodities that are offered, and more time to make your selections.

It is a great deal better for the forces in the shops; the girls and men who wait on you, and deliver your purchases. The strain of the Christmas shopping on the shopgirls, in particular, is still very severe. Mitigate it, you who can, by every means in your power. Get your matters out of the way early. There will be many who won't, and a good many who can't, and the rush will be hard enough in any case.

Do your Christmas shopping early! It is wise; it is thrifty, and it is kind.



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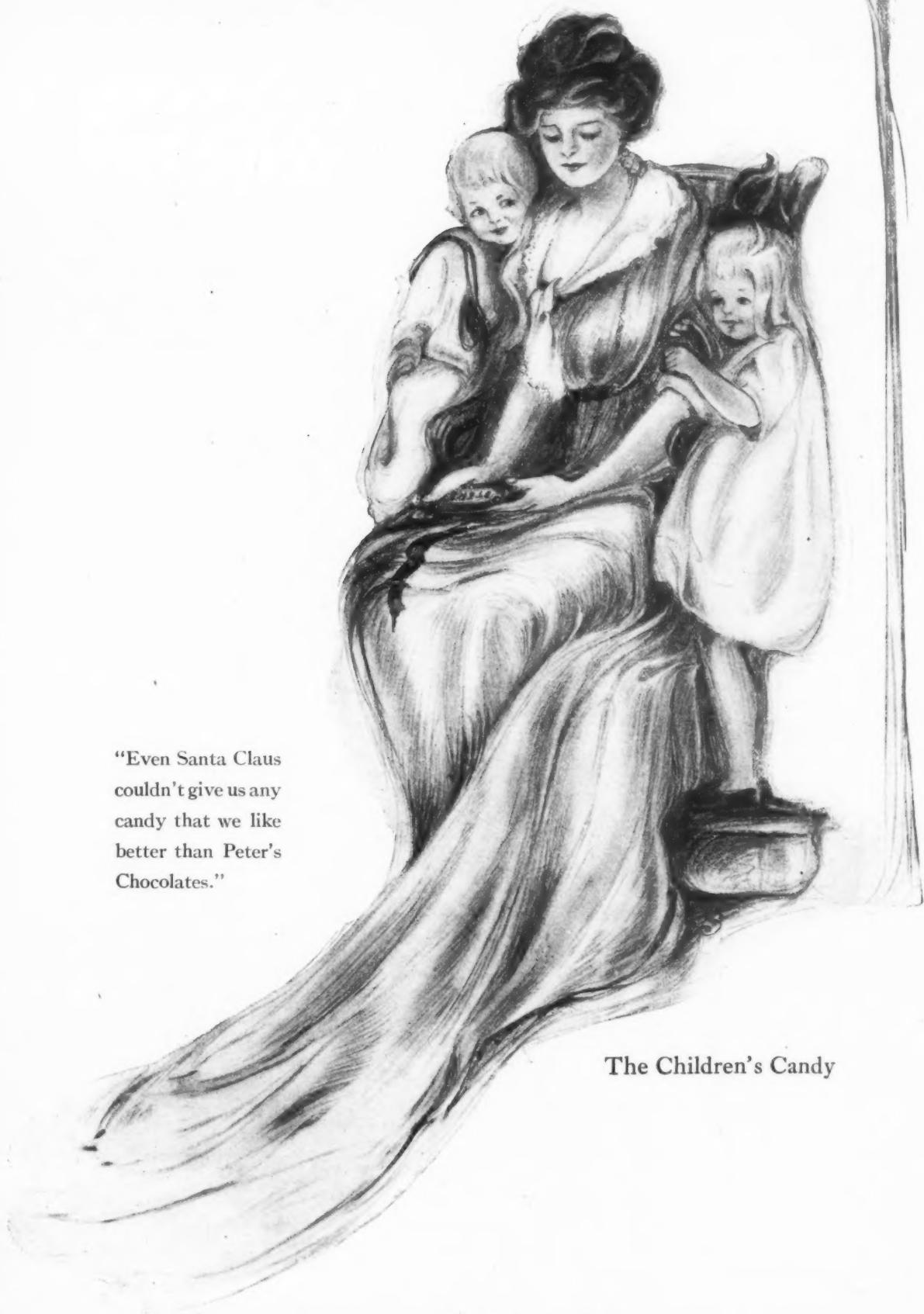
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The secret had been carefully guarded. It is true that what we might term a certain atmosphere had leaked out. The stock market had reacted slightly, but rumors of his condition had been met with the statement that there was nothing serious the matter, and thus far the financial effect had not been marked.

The surgeon, having given his directions, passed out into the street. In his motor car, he gave way to certain reflections.

"He can't live," he said to himself. "The thing is impossible. I have never known a case."

He began, almost unconsciously, to figure on the length of time the financier could survive. "I give him four days," he muttered. "It must come—then."

Then the temptation came.

A financial cataclysm would result

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from the financier's death. It was inevitable. Why not benefit by it?

He went back to his office, and cautiously gave his orders. He gave them through many sources, in order not to excite suspicion. At one o'clock he had sold short five thousand shares of stock—all he could carry. The market kept on its way. Indeed, it had gone up slightly on the strength of reports that the great man was "mending." It was still, however, fifteen points behind its high mark of a month ago. Little by little it had sagged off, in sympathy with the condition of the man who had done so much to make it.

It was two days later. The great surgeon stood once more beside the bed of the magnate. He noted the regular breathing, the changed conditions. Marvel of marvels! He would live. That wonderful, almost supernatural, will had pulled him through. The crisis had passed. It was one of those extremely rare instances of a mistake in the calculation of certain psychic powers, often so much more important than their physical environment. The great man was out of danger.

The surgeon passed on to his office. With feverish mind he called up his brokers. The market was slowly going up. It had already advanced four points—another five points would ruin him. He had staked his all on his professional experience, and he had lost. Everything that he had would be swept away, if this kept on.

There was nothing apparently to stop it. In a few more days the financier would be out—people would see him, the utmost buoyancy would result.

What could be done?

"After all," he said, "what does it matter? As if it were not easy for me to get even!" and, stepping to his desk, he added to the bill he had made out against the financier the amount that he would lose in the market, and calling up his brokers ordered them to sell out.

"It is so easy," he muttered, "if one only knows how."

C. T.



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Under the Mistletoe.

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WHILE Henri IV. was once being harangued by several deputies in a provincial town, an ass started to bray. Said the King: "Pray, gentlemen, each one in his turn."



"YOU LOOK ON THE BLINK, MR. OWL."

"YEP, I JUST BLEW IN FROM PITTSBURG. THE SUN NEVER RISES THERE AND WE CAN'T TELL WHEN IT'S TIME TO HOLE UP."



Kipling's Latest

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(Note—Repeat until the gasoline is exhausted, a tire is punctured or you skid into a suffragette meeting.)

P. F. Hornish.

PRESIDENT HAYES was a total abstainer. His state dinners, otherwise very elegant and costly, were served without wines. The only concession to conviviality was the Roman punch, flavored with Jamaica rum. Evarts was accustomed to allude to this course as "the life-saving station."

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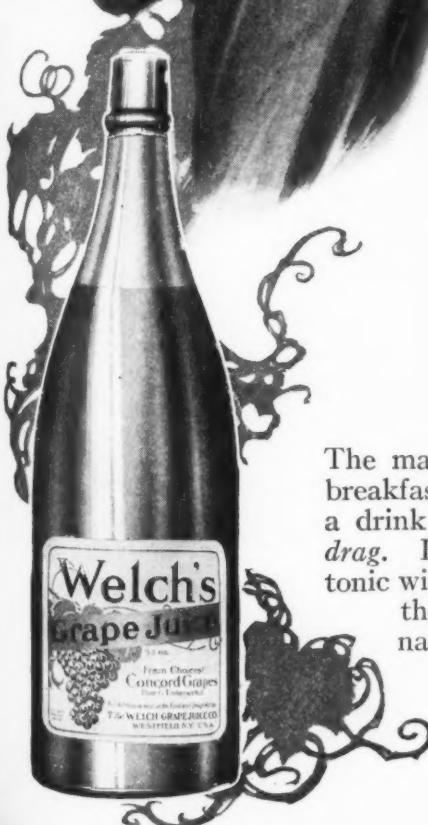
The man who wants "something before breakfast" finds it in WELCH'S. It is a drink without a drug and without a *drag*. It satisfies the thirst. It is a true tonic without an evil aftermath. It ends the craving for something; it is a natural drink, with natural effects.

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Do more than ask for Grape Juice—ask for WELCH'S—and get it



A Recollection

*HOW dear to my heart are the old Christmas presents,
When fond recollection presents them to view;
The hand-painted "game sets" with woodcock and pheasants,
The lambrequins, crewel-worked in olive and blue.
The bead sofa cushion, the knit afghan nigh it,
The tile pipe umbrella-stand, meant for the hall;
The big Rogers Group—(father loved so to buy it!)
And the worsted-work motto to hang on the wall.
The old worsted motto,
The Bristol-board motto,
The rustic framed motto that hung on the wall.*

*How well I remember the wording upon it;
'Twas "God Bless Our Home" in letters quite wild.
And a worsted-work lady in worsted-work bonnet,
Who held in her arms a worsted-work child.
Some Florida grasses were bunched in behind it;
(Quite dusty,—though cleaned in the spring and the fall.)
I'd give a round sum if I only could find it,—*

*That old worsted motto that hung on the wall.
The old worsted motto,
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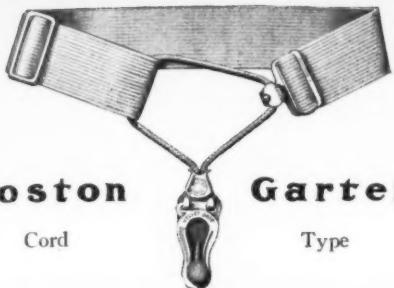


*Adam: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?
"A PAIR OF STOCKINGS TO HANG UP."*

*Though now I have many a painting and etching,
Though I have engravings and Japanese prints;
And quaint old framed samples (considered quite fetching),
And Impressionist pictures in marvelous tints;
And photographs of every temple and grotto,—
I think I'd be willing to part with them all
If I could recover that precious old motto,
The worsted-work motto that hung on the wall.
The old worsted motto,
The Bristol-board motto,
The rustic framed motto that hung on the wall.*

*N. B.—The above is entirely mendacious,
That motto was really a perfect old fright.
And should I recover it,—my goodness gracious!
How quickly I'd tuck it away out of sight.
But poets, you know, at this glad Christmas season,
Must be reminiscent, and tender withal;
We must strike a heart-interest, so that is the reason
I sing the old motto that hung on the wall.
The old worsted motto,
The Bristol-board motto,
The rustic framed motto that hung on the wall.*

Carolyn Wells.



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Advice to Christmas Shoppers

Never begin your shopping until at least one week before Christmas. Some stores remain open in the evening during that last week, and it is always well to take advantage of every golden opportunity. The sales-girls will undoubtedly be tired—feet will ache from constant standing—heads will buzz with a wild confusion of sounds, and this, coupled with that half-choked, half-starved, half-stuffed feeling left by a too hastily swallowed meal of perhaps not too substantial quality, will naturally spoil their erstwhile cheerful dispositions.

Be sure and take Fido and as many children with you as you can collect. Biting the mob and annoying everyone generally will be their reward, and the pleasure you will give them will add to the spirit of Christmas.

Should you carry a list of the gifts you wish to buy, be sure and keep it in the very bottom of your purse, hand bag, trunk or whatever conveyance you happen to have with you.

Should you see a crowd of people standing six deep around a counter take a position about four feet away, run a few paces to get a good start and then, with one wild rush, make your final break into the midst of the fray. This method has been proven to give best results with the least damage to yourself, and is used to a great extent by all professional shoppers.

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If after gaining first place at the counter you discover that it is only a sale in which you are not in the least interested, promptly edge your way out again, using elbows and fists to make your exit as abruptly as possible. Never waste time apologizing—it is a decidedly foolish and useless proceeding.

Make a point not to leave the store until the watchman has called "all out!" for at least six times and is then

compelled to open up the side of the building, owing to the wide expansion of packages surrounding you on every side.

When you finally reach a car for home, manage to occupy the capacity of two seats. Unfortunately this precaution is an absolute necessity, as the Public Utilities Commission has not yet thought best to compel the railroad companies to furnish baggage cars for Christmas shoppers.



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Tool Cabinets for Christmas

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While trying to reconstruct a telescoped spine and put some new copper rivets in the lumbar vertebrae this spring, I had occasion to thoroughly investigate the subject of so-called health foods, such as gruels, beef tea inundations, toasts, oatmeal mush, bran mash, soups, condition powders, graham gems, ground feed, pepsin, laudable mush and other hen feed usually poked into the invalid who is too weak to defend himself.

Of course it stands to reason that the reluctant and fluttering spirit may not be won back to earth and joy once more beam in the leaden eye unless due care be taken relative to the food by means

of which Nature may be made to assert herself.

I do not care to say to the world that we may woo from eternity the trembling life with pie. Welsh rarebit and other wild game will not do at first. But I think I am speaking the sentiments of a large and emaciated constituency when I say that there is getting to be a strong feeling against oatmeal submerged in milk and in favor of strawberry short cake.

I almost ate myself into an early grave in April by flying in the face of Providence and demoralizing Old Gastric with oatmeal. I ate oatmeal two weeks, and at the end of that time my

friends were telegraphed for, but before it was too late I threw off the shackles that bound me and began to eat beef-steak. At first life hung trembling in the balance and there was no change in the quotations of beef, but later on there was a slight delicate bloom on the wan cheek, and range cattle that had escaped a long, severe winter on the plains, began to apprehend a new danger and to seek the secluded canyons of the inaccessible mountains.

I often thought while I was eating health food and waiting for death, how the doctor and other invited guests at the post mortem would start back in amazement to find the remains of an eminent man filled with bran.

Through all the painful hours of the long, long night and the eventless day, while the mad throng rushed onward like a river toward eternity's ocean, this thought was uppermost in my mind. I tried to get the physician to promise that he would not expose me and show the world what a hollow mockery I had been and how I had deceived my best friends. I told him the whole truth and asked him to spare my family the humiliation of knowing that though I



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might have led a blameless life, my sunny exterior was only a short covering for bran and shorts and middlings, cracked wheat and pearl barley.

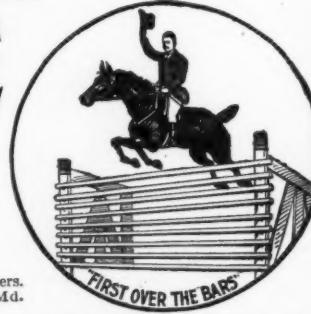
I dreamed last night of being in a large city where the buildings were paved with dry toast and the soil was bran and oatmeal and the water was beef tea and gruel. All at once it came over me that I had solved the great mystery of death and had been consigned to a place of eternal punishment. The thought was horrible. A million eternities in a city built of dry toast and oatmeal! A home for never-ending cycles of ages, where the principal hotel and the post-office building and the opera house were all built of toast, and the fire department squirted gruel at the devouring element forever!

It was only a dream, but it has made me more thoughtful and people notice that I am not so giddy as I was.

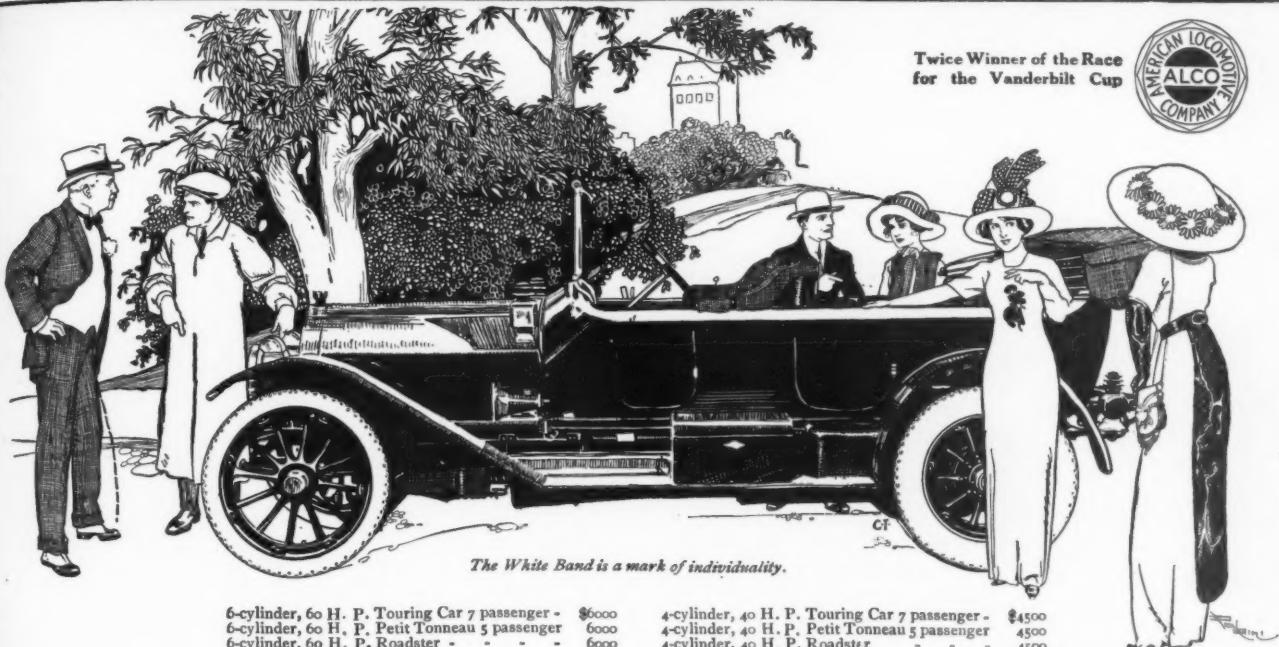
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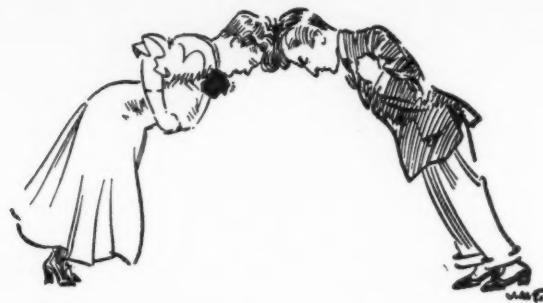
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Lose not the grace appropriate which already you adorns
By seeking what on others as an ornament appears.
—Poetry of the Orient, by W. R. Alger.

ONE of the candidates for the representation of a country district, in the course of a speech just previous to the general election, had occasion to refer to the flogging of children. Some folk nowadays, he said, objected to beating youngsters at all, but he agreed with the truth in that saying of the wise man: "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

"I suppose that I was no worse than other boys," he went on to say, "but I know I had some flogging myself, and I believe it did me good. Now, on one occasion I was flogged for telling the truth!"

"It cured you, sir!" said a voice from the back.

Summer and Winter

We have a debating society. And the question we had last was, "Which Is the Best, Summer or Winter?" And we got to talking so fast and kept interrupting so, the teacher told the summers to go on one side and the winters on the other and then take turns firing at each other, one shot at a time. And Dorry was chosen reporter to take notes, but I don't know as you can read them, he was in such a hurry.

"In summer you can fly kites.

"In winter you can skate.

"In summer you have longer time to play.

"In winter you have best fun coasting evenings.

"In summer you can drive hoop and sail boats.

"In winter you can snowball it and have darings.

"In summer you can go in swimming and play ball.

"In winter you can coast and make snow forts.

"In summer you can go a-fishing.

"So you can in winter, with pickerel traps to catch pickerel and perch on the ponds and on rivers. When the fish come up you can make a hole in the ice and set a light to draw 'em, and then take a jobber and job 'em as fast as you're a mind to.

"In summer you can go take a sail.

"In winter you can go take a sleigh ride.

"In summer you don't freeze to death.

"In winter you don't get sunstruck.

"In summer you see green trees and flowers and hear the birds sing.

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"In summer you have green peas and fruit and huckleberries and other berries."

"In winter you have molasses candy and popcorn and mince pies and preserves and a good many more roast turkeys (another boy interrupting) and all kinds of everything put up airtight!"

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"In summer you have Independence Day, and that's the best day there is. For if it hadn't been for that we should have to mind Queen Victoria.

"In winter you have Thanksgiving Day and Forefather's Day and Christmases and Happy New Year Day and the Twenty-second of February, and that's Washington's Birthday."

When the time was up the teacher told all that had changed their minds to change their sides, and some of the summers came over to ours, but the winters all stayed. Then the teacher made some remarks and said how glad we ought to be that there were different kinds of fun and beautiful things all the year round.

Bubby Short says he's sure he's glad, for if a feller couldn't have fun what would he do? After we got out doors the Summer ones that didn't go over hollered out to the other ones that did, "Ho! ho! Winter killed! Winter killed! 'Fore I'd be winter killed! Frost bit! Frost bit! 'Fore I'd be frost bit!"

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P. S.—Don't keep awake. I'll look out. Bubby Short's folks write just so to him. And Dorry's. I wonder what makes everybody think boys want to be drowned?

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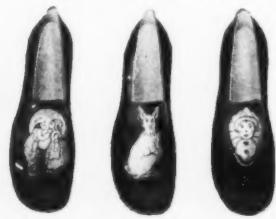
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Mother

(By Kathleen Norris. The Macmillan Company.)

So many authors seem to hold
That Realism must be dreary;
Our world, they say, is mean and cold,
A poor old planet, worn and weary.

Their puppets make a dismal mess
Of life, with artificial troubles—
poor babes, pursuing Happiness
And weeping when she turns and doubles.

Then close the book that paints the grief

Of some neurotic freak or other;
For wholesome truth and sweet relief
From morbid yearnings, turn to
"Mother."

Miss Margaret Paget, nicknamed
"Mark,"

Was one of Mother's hopeful seven;
Her lot at times seemed dull and dark
Without a bit of joyous leaven.

Her home was poor, her life was slow—
Though Mother was a perfect treasure;

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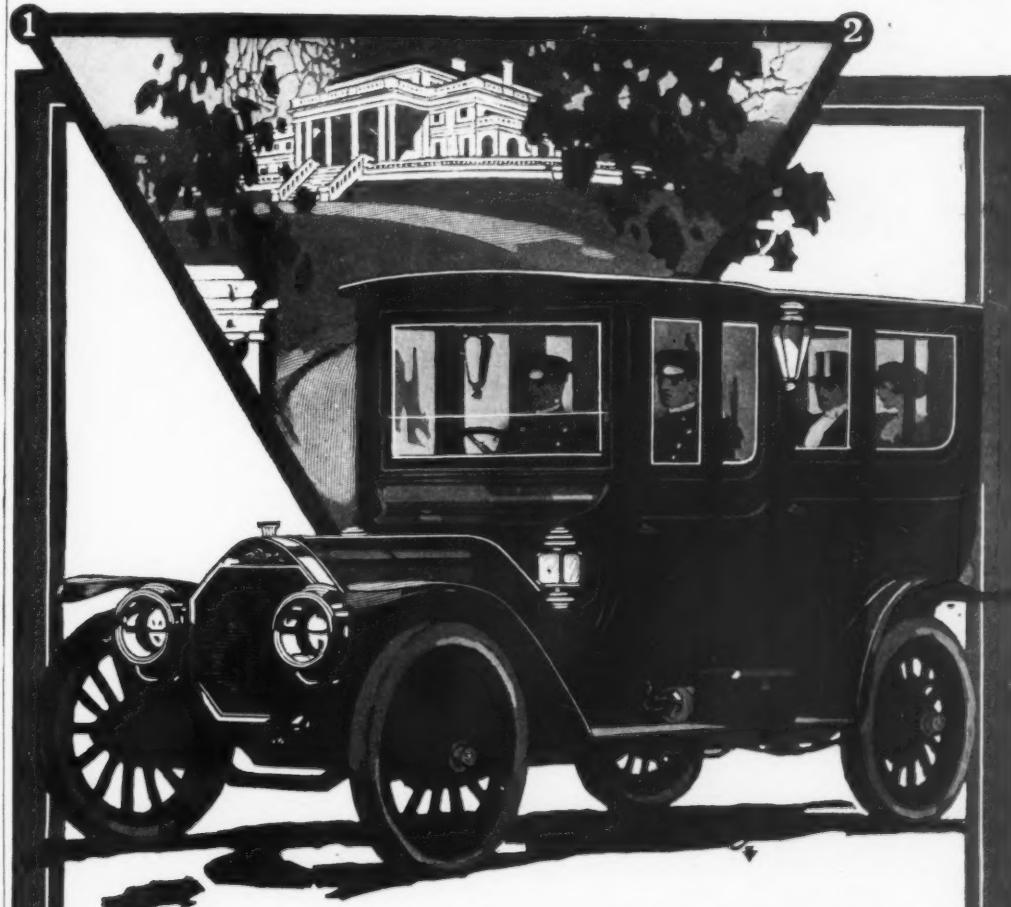
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She learned how out-of-date, indeed,
A Baby was—a useless fetter.
And "Mark" approved their selfish creed
Till Love and Mother taught a better.

Within this little book are found
Some bits of truthful observation,
A view of happiness that's sound,
With simple, clear delineation.

I guess from Oyster Bay, New York,
(What finer tribute could requite
her!)
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Will come to decorate the writer.
A. G.

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A CHRISTMAS DREAM

"COME RIGHT IN, LITTLE MAN, AND HELP YOURSELF"

Cold Storage

H," says the Christmas guest, "How I wish I could sit down to a Christmas dinner with one of those turkeys we raised on the farm when I was a boy as the central figure!"

"Well," says the host, "you never can tell. This may be one of them."



Fears

"I'M so worried about the Christmas present I sent to Aunt Sarah," she says. "It only cost forty-nine cents, and I'm afraid I left the price mark on the thing when I sent it."

"I'm worried, too," says her friend. "I got one that cost fifty dollars for my uncle, and I'm afraid I didn't leave the price mark on it."



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A True Bill Agaynst Christmasse

I WILL not bear of Christmasse Cheer
Nor Christmasse Bells a=ringing!
I loathe to see a Christmasse Tree,
I'm deaf to Carol=singing.

I will not troll ye Wassail Bowl!
I love no strong Potations
Nor Yule that brings ye Gatherings
Or nondescript Relations.

Forbeare to show ye Mistletoe!
All Proper Men disdain it;
Ye Prettie Maid wolde scorn its Bid.
Ye Plaine One sholde not gain it.

Give pause, give pause to Santa Claus!
His Course is trulie shocking;
I understand he has a Hand
In Everybodie's Stocking!

Yet, void of Shame, they praise his Name
In Reams of idle Verses,
And call him kind that leaves behind
A Trail of emptie Purses.

Sharp Sorrows lie in Christmasse Pie
Whicb treble when they beat it.
I have no Use for Christmasse Goose
Nor Cannibals that eat it.

For Ills and Pills and Doctor's Bills
Are scarce a Cause for Laughter;
Ye Tables groan before ye Feaste,
Ye Feasters groan thereafter.

Arthur Guiterman.



MISS'ILL TOE THE MARK

The Hundred Worst Christmas Presents

HAVING reached that admirable state where the selection of the worst Christmas presents has reached its perfection, it remains for us to tabulate them. This is by no means an easy task, owing to the bewildering variety. We may expect, therefore, only to make a respectable beginning.

For the average bachelor we have much to choose from. In card cases alone there are at least four hundred different specimens, none of which any self-respecting bachelor would carry about him. Leaving entirely aside cigars which he never would smoke, we have cigar holders, smoking tables, alcohol lighters and ornate humidors, every one useless for all practical purposes.

For a young married couple there is always the steel engraving. The great desirability of presenting a young married couple with a steel engraving—especially if they are your intimate friends—is the fact that in deference to you they will absolutely be obliged to place it in a conspicuous position; the same thing is true of a rug. When your young married couple have been going along unmolested in fitting out their house, and have a color scheme all planned, your business as a friend of the family is to present them with a large rug of the wrong color that you have specially selected—as you explain conspicuously—for the front hall.

As for your own wife—assuming in these uncertain days that you have one even temporarily—almost anything you give her will do. You may be perfectly certain that she will not like it. Anything, of course, but money. But no husband would ever make a mistake like that.



THE FIRST INVESTMENT

Must Suspend the Statute

"YES, my dear," says the husband, "I will wear the necktie, and the gloves, and the smoking jacket, and the bathrobe, and the shirts you got me for Christmas; also I'll smoke the cigars—and, O, yes, I'll wear the slippers, and I'll read the book of love poetry—but on one condition."

"What is that?" asks the wife.

"That you'll not make any comment over how fast I drink up that bottle of whiskey my Kentucky uncle sent me."

Anticipatory

FIRST TIRED SHOP GIRL: Oh, my, won't I be glad when this Christmas rush is over!

SECOND TIRED SHOP GIRL: Same here! We'll both be fired and can rest.

"ONE good turn deserves another," said the top, excitedly.



"THE NIGHT(MARE) BEFORE XMAS"



SANTA CLAUS TAFT
"ASSUME A VIRTUE IF YOU HAVE IT NOT"



"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Retribution

SANTA CLAUS, driving through the city, observes a man sitting in the snow on the curb studying a list which he holds in one hand while he beats his brow with the other.

"Whoa, Dancer! Whoa, Dunder!" shouts Santa. The reindeers stop.

"What is wrong, my poor friend?" Santa inquires, kindly.

"Everything," sighs the man.

"What have you on that paper?"

"A list of things my children want for Christmas."

"That's what I'm here for. Let me see it."

The man listlessly passes the paper to Santa, who puts on his glasses and peers at it, now and then pursing his lips and whistling softly and thoughtfully.

"My gracious!" he exclaims. "I never saw such a list. Your oldest daughter wants a touring car and a diamond bracelet and a sealskin coat; your oldest boy wants an aeroplane and a repeating rifle and a racing car; your youngest daughter wants jewels and furs and silks and satins, and your youngest boy wants ponies and an auto and other things which will cost a small fortune."

"Yes," almost sobs the man. "It is things like this which take all the joy out of Christmas."



"SAY, MISTER, COULD YOU SELL ME FIVE CENTS' WORTH O' MISTLETOE ON DE INSTALMENT PLAN?"

"But, my good man, if you had left it all to me and had not encouraged them to write such absurd lists of their wishes I could have slipped in mysteriously and left a few pretty things for them which really would have given them greater happiness than all these extravagant presents."

"I know, I know."

"Then why didn't you do that? Why did you allow your children to demand such gifts?"

"I hate to tell you, Santa, but my wife and I decided that it was wrong to allow the children to believe in the good old myth—our consciences, we thought, should not permit us to deceive them. So we told them there wasn't any such person as you."

"Ah!" says Santa Claus, leaping back into his sleigh and cracking his whip, "It is such people as you who are robbing Christmas of its old time joy."

With a jingle of bells and a flurry of snow he is off on his rounds, leaving the poor man studying the list which he continues to hold in one hand, while he beats his brow with the other.

Small Favors

MRS. MEYSER: Could you give me a little money, my dear?

MR. MEYSER: Certainly, my dear. About how little?

• LIFE •



SOME OF OUR CLASSMATES



SANTA WINS

Peace

UR NEXT PRESIDENT: Have the new battleships been ordered?

SECRETARY: Yes, your highness. A full half dozen of the finest craft that the Steel Trust can turn out.

O. N. P.: And has Congress passed the bill for doubling the size of the army?

SECRETARY: Aye, aye, sir. By a large majority.

O. N. P.: And have advertisements for recruits been inserted in all the papers and magazines?

SECRETARY: Every one of them, your eminence, with instructions to run until further notice.

O. N. P.: And have the coast defenses been thoroughly inspected?

SECRETARY: To the very last rampart and gun, your greatness, and found to be in perfect trim.

O. N. P.: And are the fortifications of the Panama Canal complete?

SECRETARY: Entirely complete, sir, and as impregnable as modern science can make them.

O. N. P.: And are the troops mobilized along the borders?

SECRETARY: Yes, your excellency.

O. N. P.: Are you quite sure that everything has been done to make us absolutely secure in the event of the most unexpected contingency?

SECRETARY: Quite sure. Everything has been done that politician can suggest, commerce devise or appropriation pay for.

O. N. P.: Very well, then. Bring in that universal peace treaty and let me sign it.

Ellis O. Jones.

MY small niece, aged four, came running into the room where her mother and I were sitting.

"My dollie's sick," she said, "and I don't know what's the matter. I gave her water and she can't swallow that; the doctor gave her a pill and she can't swallow that."

"Then," said I, "I don't see but what you had better try Christian Science for her."

"We have tried it," said she, "and she can't swallow that."

Robinson Crusoe Up to Date

I WAS minded some weeks before hand that Christmas was coming and it thereafter became a great and anxious problem with me how to keep this from my man Friday.

He had, up to then, been very docile and obedient, but I feared mightily the spread of the Christmas spirit, and I set about circumventing it.

For one thing, I took all the papers and magazines that were coming, and scanning them closely (at much inconvenience), I carefully cut out everything I thought might give him an inkling of the truth.

Yet in spite of my utmost vigilance, he came running to me on a Saturday, waving in his hands a paper, which contained the phrase, "Do your Christmas shopping early."

"And, master," said he, "what night that be?" And looking at me with suspicion, he continued: "Early, for what?"

"That relates to the poor people," I replied gently, "who for some unknown reason have a habit at this time of year of crowding the shops so that the rich have no chance. Run along now and get that electric fan fixed. It's going to be a warm night."

We had just put the finishing touches to our new bungalow, and both Friday and I had been working pretty hard, owing to the fact that it was one of those affairs that we had to put together according to direc-



THEY MEET AT LAST

tions, and I had given Friday leave to rest up for a few days. This I discovered was a bad thing, for the next morning he came running again to me, exclaiming:

"Oh, master, there's something doing! I don't know what it is, but I feel myself wanting to spend money and to make gifts to my friends and to go out on a grand jamboree. Let's send a wireless to the nearest island and get them all to come over and take dinner. And I would fain have you present me with a sum of money just to show that you are afraid of me. And I have conceived of a noble way to bring this about. I will hang up my pajamas at night and do you steal in while I am asleep and fill them with delectable things and—"

I then knew that we were in the telepathy belt and that poor Friday was a victim. There was nothing to be done but see the thing through, and I determined to do this in as thorough a manner as possible.

"Christmas is coming, you wretch!" I exclaimed, "and we will celebrate, since you wish it."

I thereupon sent him out to the end of the island to fell a Christmas tree nine feet high and made him drag it back and trim it. Then I sent out an invitation to all the neighboring tribes for miles around. They came, bag and baggage, and quartered themselves upon us. Friday had naught to do for

two days but make mince pies and prepare for the celebration. I explained to him the *modus operandi* of the whole affair and we set to with a will making presents for all; besides this, I made him put up a chimney of new and approved design. By this time poor Friday, on his knees, tried to beg off, but I held him sternly to his task.

"I came here," I said, "to escape just this sort of thing, but now that you have insisted upon it, I am going to give you all you want. Come now, there is no rest. Fill those cornucopias, and go out and pick enough cotton to make yourself Santa Claus whiskers."

The morning after the whole affair was over I went out and aroused him as he lay sleeping in the sun.

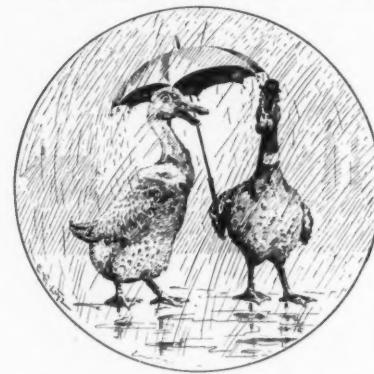
"Get up," I said, kicking him, "and tell me how you like it."

And with this he looked at me piteously and replied:

"Master, I have had enough. If you ever notice me getting the Christmas spirit again, take me down to the water and tether me to a coral reef. I don't expect to get over this for six months."

"That's about the usual time," I said, as I went speedily back to the bungalow to make a list of all the things I got and didn't want.

T. L. M.



"YOU SELFISH MAN! DON'T HOLD THE UMBRELLA OVER ME. YOU ARE GETTING ALL THE WET."



PROPOSALS IN HALF-PORTIONS

"EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, GEORGE. HELLO!"

"YES, THIS IS 782 MELROSE."

"*This is* MISS THURSBY."

"OH, GOOD EVENING, MR. THOMPSON."

"WHAT? OH, MERCY! THIS IS SO SUDDEN."

"THE IDEA! AS LONG AS THAT?"

"NO. I REALLY CAN'T."

"NO. REALLY, I CAN'T. I—"

"NO. NO. REALLY!"

"YES, OF COURSE, I DO. I SHALL ALWAYS VALUE—"

"NO—THINKING IT OVER WOULD NOT—"

"NO. I CAN'T. I'M—YOU SEE, I'VE ALREADY—I'M ALMOST—ER—COULDN'T YOU CALL UP AGAIN LATER? AT THE MOMENT I'M VERY MUCH ENGAGED—TO GEORGE. GOODBY. THE IDEA OF THAT THOMPSON MAN MAKING ME PROPOSE TO YOU LIKE THAT!"

Christmas for All True Pessimists

A Celebration This Year by the Pessimists' Club, Which is Calculated to Reveal the Hopelessness of the Yuletide Season—Customs that Must Be Eradicated—Some Melancholy Facts



THIS is formal notice to all concerned that there will be the usual Christmas celebration this year at the Pessimists' Club. It is a melancholy and significant fact that this celebration will be much more complete than usual, owing to the increasing membership; also because the organization of the club has been strengthened.

All members are requested to gather as early as possible on Christmas Eve. A formal protest will be made against the silly and useless custom of hanging up stockings; every pessimist in good standing is expected to sign this.

The practice of setting up Christmas trees, illuminating them with artificial lights and trimming them with all sorts of piffling presents which nobody wants—just because the whole fraudulent delusion is merely an affair to trick the children and give them a certain amount of fictitious pleasure—cannot be too strongly deprecated.

The time has come when formal action must be taken against such sentimental chicanery. Entirely aside from the useless labor involved, every Christmas tree, after it has been standing for a few hours, begins to shed itself all over the furniture, and, in fact, it takes days before the horrid mess can be eradicated.

This, however, is by no means the only abuse which the Pessimists' Club hopes to deal with at its annual Christmas celebration. Heretofore, scattered pessimists throughout the land have raised their feeble protests against the whole Christmas farce, but individual voices are ineffectual. It is believed that by combining against these customs, which people have permitted themselves to fall into the habit of celebrating, we can eventually eradicate them altogether.

We offer no hope, however, that this can be easily accomplished. We merely believe in doing our stern duty, and, while we shall probably not be able to do much this year, at least we shall realize the sad and bitter part of it all. That is something.

In order to give an idea of how some of these senseless practices have become embedded in the average mind, we append the following letter:

DEAR SIRS:

I am the father of a large family, and have had a series of disasters; my children all got sick; I had to pay enormous doctor's bills, and this discouraged me so that I got down on

my luck, and in the midst of it all lost my position. In spite of all this, however, my wife—who is, I regret to say, a more or less cheerful person—recently suggested that, even if we couldn't give the children much this year, I might rig myself up as a Santa Claus and give them a little of what she is pleased to term "genuine pleasure." Inasmuch as I am a recent member of the Pessimists' Club, I am writing for your advice. Personally, I rather rebel against any such thing.



"The silly and useless custom of hanging up stockings."

We print this letter simply to show how difficult it is for some people to avoid being cheerful when a stern and unyielding study of the whole situation must demonstrate to any honest mind that there is no hope for anybody. Here is our friend—if we may call any man friend—on the verge of ruin, with the probability that he will not carry his children through the winter and no prospect of earning another cent—yet actually yielding to an impulse to romp and play! It is inconceivable that such things can happen. The fact that he has married a woman such as he indicates his wife to be is, of course, his own misfortune. We can only suggest to him that he sternly suppress at once any tendency to such frivolity as she suggests; otherwise we shall have to suspend him from the club or impose upon him a fine.

We cannot, however, afford to pay too much attention to these outward forms—bad as they are—while we neglect to get at the root of the matter. We must steadily keep in mind that, underneath the outward semblance of Christmas, there lies the idea of the brotherhood of man, good



"Every present is a bribe"



PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL

fellowship and all that sort of rot. Our Christmas celebration will, therefore, be held with the firm intention of protesting against the inward spirit as well as the outward form of this alleged cheerful season, which seems to hypnotize everyone.

At this Christmas season every true member of the Pessimists' Club should bear in mind the following:

That all is delusion.

That smiling faces at Christmas time cover innumerable worries.

That every present is a bribe.

That every Christmas dinner will have its aftermath of sorrow and woe.

That to forget our troubles temporarily during this season only means that in a little time they will all come back with redoubled force.

We are aware, of course, that many people already

realize all this in their hearts. The object of our celebration this year will be to impress it upon them all and to face the actual truth. This idea of madly trying to forget ourselves once a year is deplorable; while, of course, we suffer afterward and thus make up for it, at the same time the object of the Pessimists' Club is not to permit any such alternating periods of joy and sorrow.

We believe that there should be a dead level of sadness, which no sudden forgetfulness can change. It is only by this continuous and unyielding despondency that we can face the dismal future with any degree of logical honesty.

When we think of all the cheerfulness in the world, we must confess that we only feel worse about it; in fact, it all looks dark, either way.

Our Christmas celebration will open with a funeral march; the name of the march will not be revealed in advance, however, on account of the objections that would probably be raised by those who would want something else.

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An Order

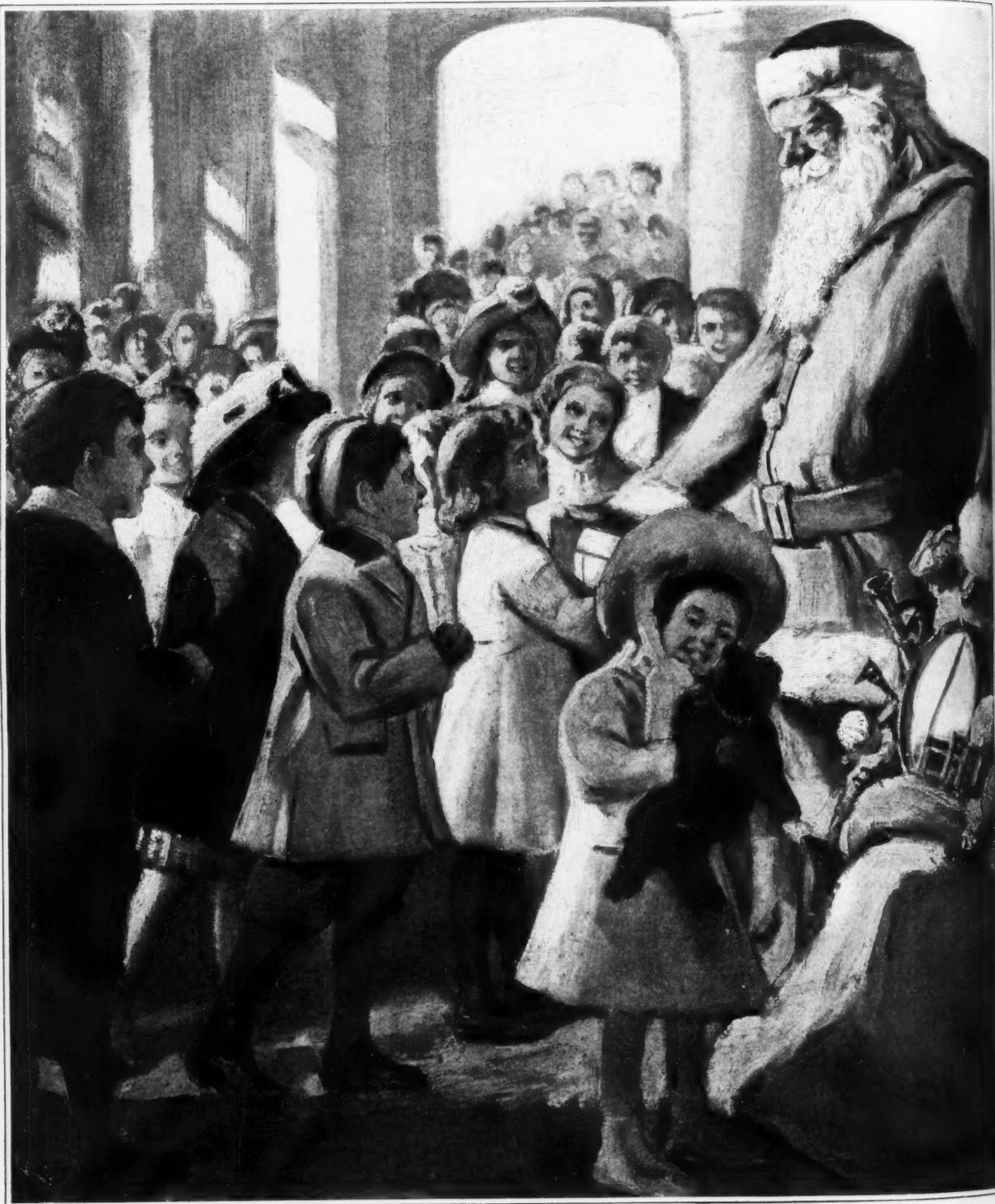
YOUNG LADY ART STUDENT (*entering a ten-cent store*) : Do you keep camel's-hair brushes?

SALESMAN (*aside*) : Ikie, bring up dose lion brushes dat we ordered for de circus people. (*To Lady*) : And, madam, vould you like a toothbrush?

ART STUDENT (*indignantly*) : What for?
 "For de camel!"

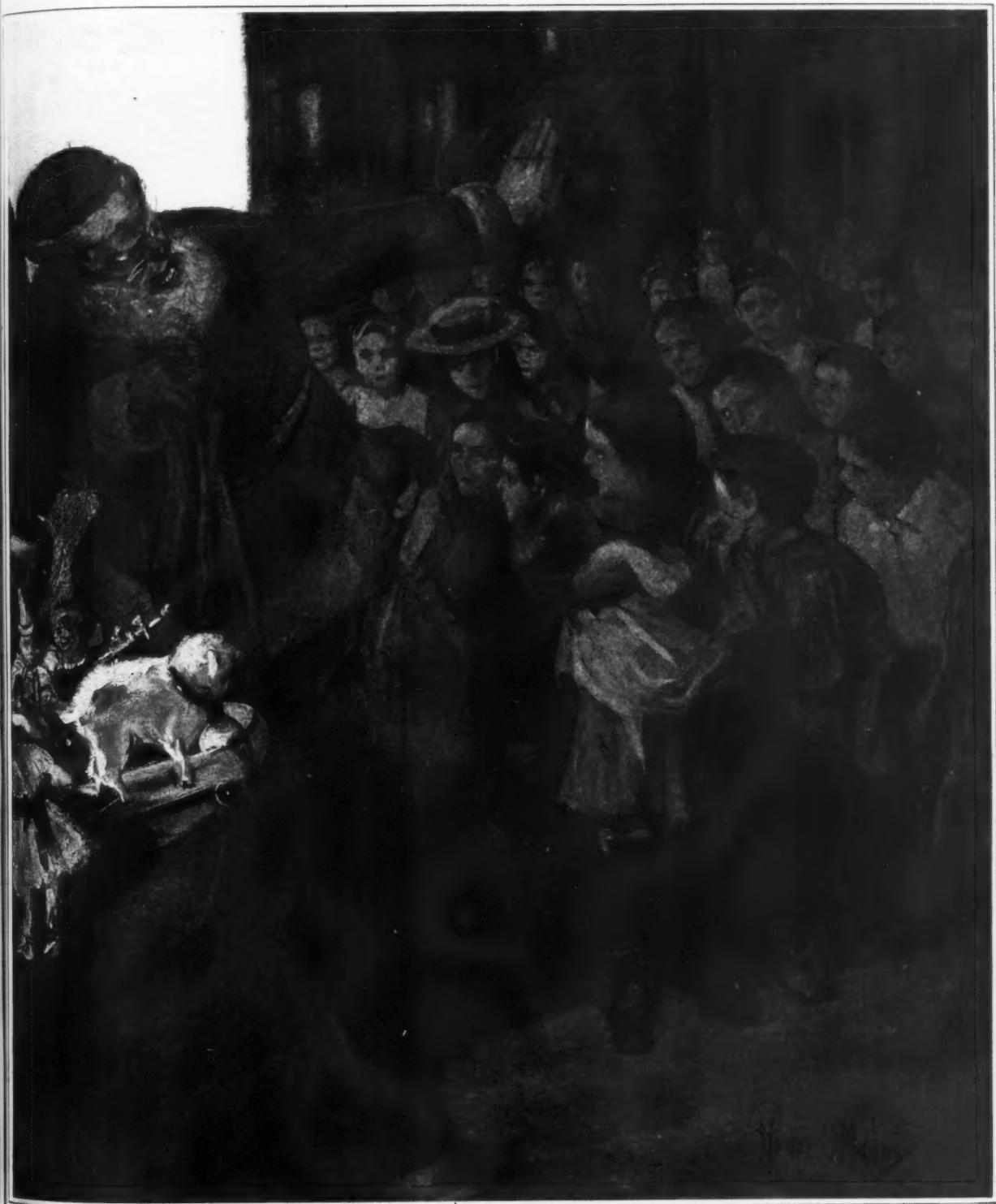


"Every Christmas dinner will have its aftermath"



Dr. Jekyll and

ARE THERE



Mr. Hyde

TWO SANTAS?



Mrs. Pillage: POOR LITTLE DEAR. HE WANTS EVERYTHING.

Mr. Pillage (to proprietor): WHAT'S YOUR ENTIRE SHOP WORTH?

Proprietor: WELL—ER—I'M NOT SURE; ABOUT \$20,000.

Mr. Pillage: I'LL TAKE IT. PIERREPONT, YOU CAN PLAY NOW.

Some Christmas Bromidioms

"**Y**ES, I always mean to get my shopping done early, but I never do."

"It's so hard to find gifts for men."

"It doesn't seem possible Christmas is so near."

"It isn't the value of the gifts, it's just the remembrance."

"Oh, if I had plenty of money, Christmas shopping would be easy enough."

"It's awfully hard to select a book."

"It isn't only the gifts, but nowadays you have to have all that tissue paper and holly ribbon and fancy tags."

"It's so hard to find anything for her, because she has everything already."

"Sadie and I don't give presents any more, we just exchange post cards."

"Oh, I never give my husband a Christmas present."

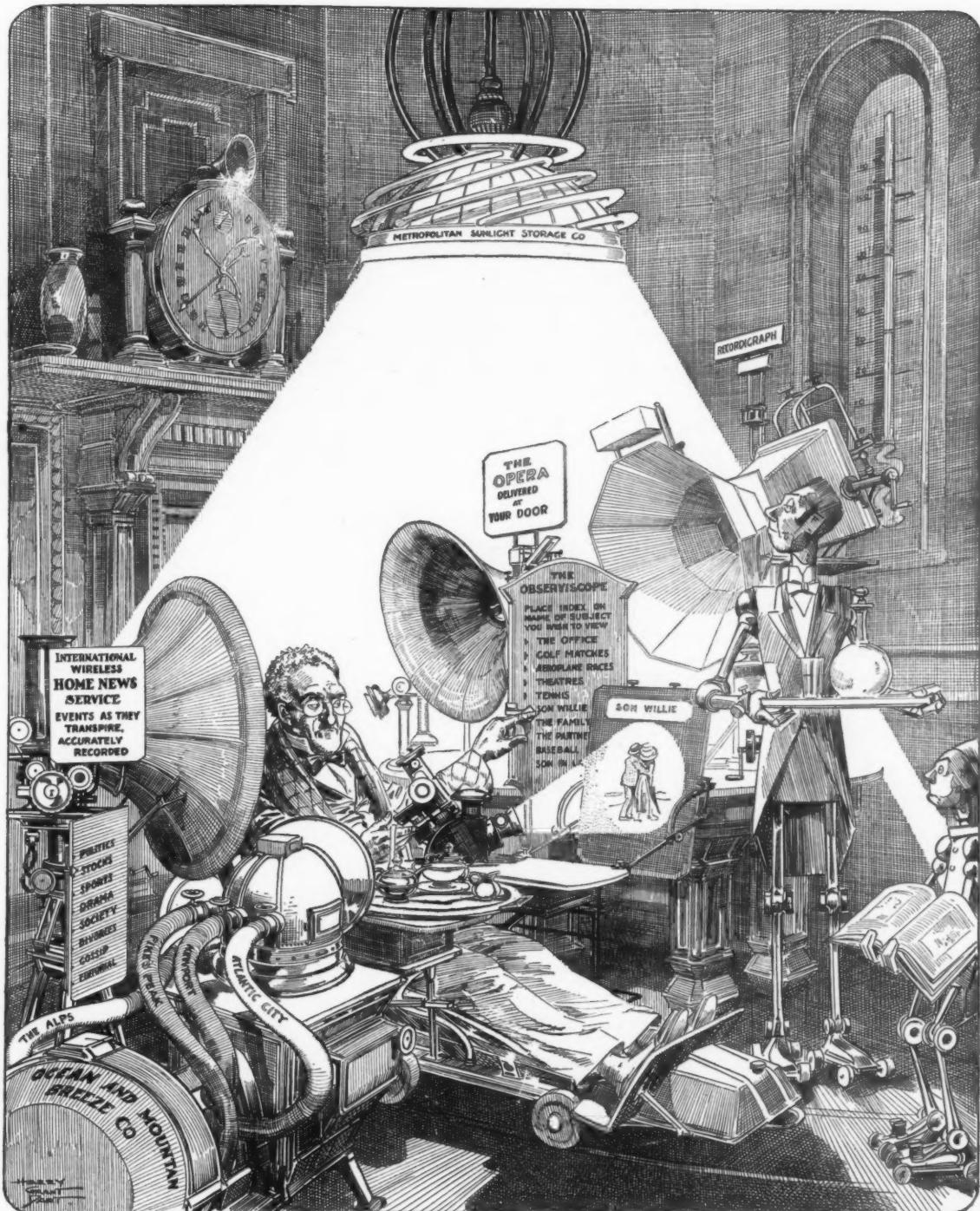
"I wouldn't mind Christmas if it weren't for writing the notes of thanks afterward."



Spokesman: LOOK HERE! YOU'RE ARRANGING A MONSTER MASS MEETING FOR THURSDAY NIGHT, AREN'T YOU?

Politician: YES!

"WELL, WE'RE MONSTERS."



WE'LL ALL BE HAPPY THEN

And She Was Silent

WELLINGTON BURKHEAD sat at his mahogany desk making out his annual list of presents. It was the week before Christmas.

The list, headed by an eighteen-hundred-dollar set of furs for his wife, was almost complete.

Was there anyone he had forgot? Burkhead went to the window and looked musingly down on the busy street below. Flakes of snow had begun to fall. It would be a white Christmas. He was glad. They had left their winter home in the South to return to the city merely for the holidays, and he wanted to see a good old-fashioned Christmas.

Was there anybody he had forgot? Oh, yes, the kids! Burkhead liked kids, and he had always made presents to the children of his employees. He smiled now at the thought of the little chaps as they gleefully opened the big stocking of gifts which he always sent. And the mothers—many of whom worked in his factories—they'd smile, too, at the happiness of the children. They couldn't give the children presents themselves, for they had a hard time keeping warm and fed, and they would be so thankful that somebody remembered the little ones. And the fathers who worked in his factories and offices, they would appreciate it. Poor devils, they wouldn't have anything for foolish toys for the youngsters.

Oh, yes, he must remember the kids; that was the most fun of all. But how did it happen that he could give to other people's children when they could not give to their own?

Burkhead's mind was thoroughgoing, and once started on that track he pursued it to the end.

For an hour he sat at his desk figuring it all out. And he was just. Once convinced, he proceeded to act. He called in his secretary, two stenographers and a half dozen heads of departments. After they all figured for a while, Burkhead put half a dozen of them to writing checks while he signed them.

At four o'clock the work was done. He drew a deep breath of satisfaction and started to put on his coat. He would get something to eat. They had not stopped for the noon hour.

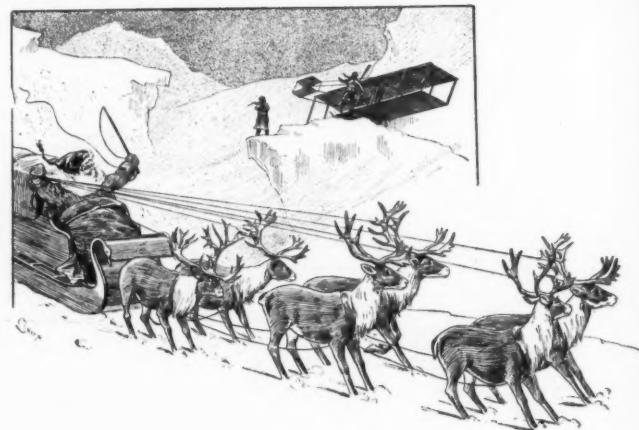
As he turned toward the door his wife came in hurriedly. Mrs. Burkhead was a wife to be proud of—she wore her clothes so well, and she knew exactly where to get them. She was a success. The society papers had pronounced the reception she gave just before starting North, the most gorgeous affair ever seen on the Florida coast. Even in New York she had no superior as a bridge player, a lion hunter or a snubber.

"There is my list," she said, handing him a paper her secretary had prepared. "Have them sent at once."

He glanced at the list and guessed it would total fifteen thousand—and all of it but seventy dollars went to people who did not need the presents—and few wanted them.

He shook his head slowly—"I can't afford it."

"Can't afford it?" Her voice reached the sharp regis-



A CHANCE MEETING

"HI, THERE! HELLO! CAN YOU GIVE US A TOW? WE'RE ALL OUT OF GASOLINE."

ter. "Why not? I heard you say last week your business had cleared you seventy-five thousand a year for fifteen years, and you hadn't turned your hand over."

"Yes," he nodded gravely, "but I've given it back to those to whom it belongs."

"Belongs!"—she steadied herself by the desk and sank into a chair. "Burkhead, are you out of your mind? It belongs to you, of course. Wasn't it your idea that started the business?"

"Yes," he admitted, "but a man cannot honestly expect to live in luxury all his life on one idea—especially when it was not a very valuable one."

"It is like this, Louise. I had an idea, and for ten years I worked hard. For that I think I am entitled to—say the plant and interest on the investment. But since I haven't been earning anything—all the rest of the profits have been clearly earned by these men who worked for them."

"So I have divided it all up—sending a check to every man from the highest to the lowest for his share of the earnings for the last fifteen years."

"Burkhead!"—there was fear as well as astonishment in her tone now—"You mean you have actually given all your money away to—to these people?"

"No—only the profits. It is merely a dividend, returning to each man his real earnings."

"But—but where do I come in? What am I to live on?"

"Why," said Burkhead, "you, too, shall share according to your earnings. And I will leave it to you how much they have been."

William H. Hamby.

Modern Improvements

MRS. BLOODGOOD: I want to get a divorce.
LAWYER: Will you take it with you or shall I send it home?



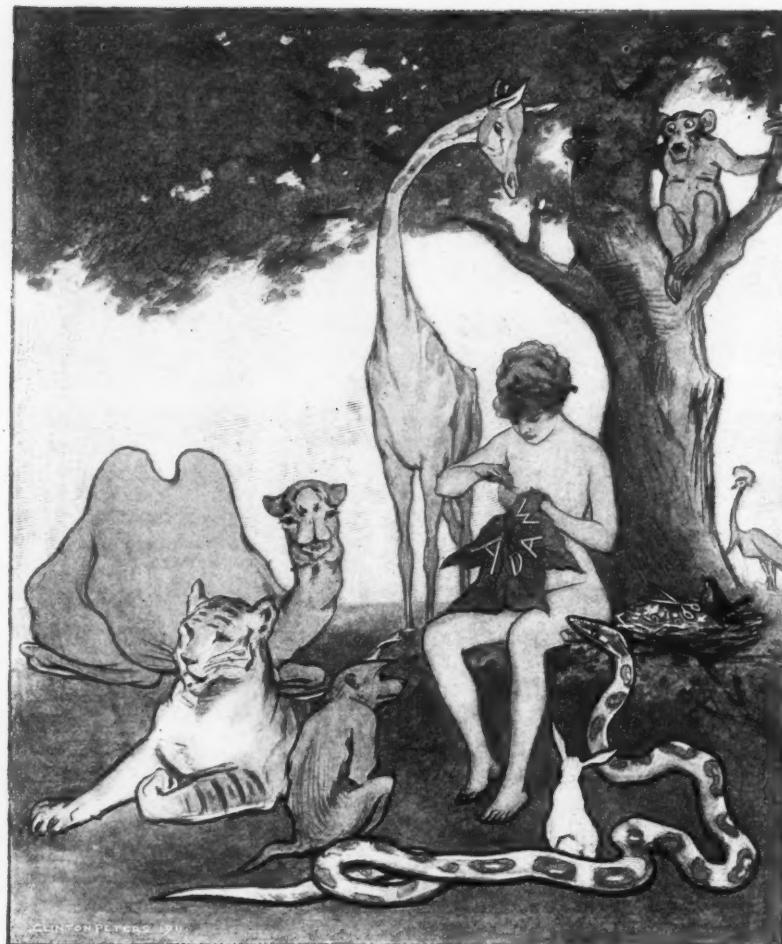
The Agnostic



One More Version

*Old Mother Hubbard,
She went to the cupboard
To get her poor dog a bone.*

*But the dog said, "I feel
Like a good hearty meal,"
And now the poor pup's all alone.*



MAKING THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The Marriage Mart



THE débutante season will soon be upon us, and the new 1912 crop will be in the market. Prospects point to a dull season, with a small volume of actual engagements. New arrivals will be exposed to the cut-rate competition of last year's unsold débutantes, while the Western grass widow crop is again reported unusually heavy, and will have to be reckoned with.

Sooner or later, the trade must face the truth, that the marriageable supply greatly exceeds demand. And while the extra fancy and choicer grades of selected buds will no doubt find eager bidders and quick buyers, yet the fair to middling sorts are likely to find themselves a drug on an already overstocked market. The fact is, that the present high cost of living makes wives a luxury not to be indulged in by the average young man, while confirmed, eligible bachelors continue shy as ever. The tone of the market is decidedly panicky, and fat, middle-aged dowagers with slim merchantable daughters are advised not to hold them at exorbitant figures, but to accept the first genuine offer, even if love has to be taken in part payment.

Forebodings

MY Christmas Gifts! I see them now!

But not in recollection,
No; 'tis prophetic eyes, I vow,
That make the sad inspection.

There'll be a lot of silver things,
(Each sillier than the other;)
A motor hood with silken strings,
(The kind that makes you smother.)

And boudoir shoes, all fleecy lined,
(No one could ever use 'em;)
Hatpins,—by some weird art designed,—
(I truly hope I'll lose em!)

Burnt leather! Well, my brain just storms
To think of bags and pillows!
And baskets in outrageous forms
Of twisted greenish willows.

The Christmas novelty this year
Is patterns done in cross stitch;
I'll get so much of it, I fear
I'll wish it were a lost stitch.

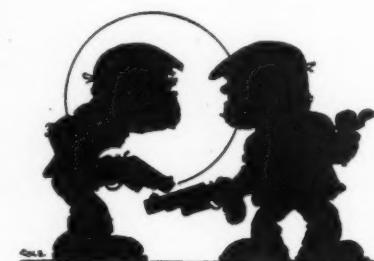
Receptacles of every kind,—
Covers, receivers, cases;
To hold such things as no sane mind
Could dream of in such places.

Ah, well, I'd strive to be polite,
And bear these dire inflictions,
But thought of notes that I must write
Rouses my maledictions.

To say, for that old foolish stuff:
"Just what I wanted, Lidie!"
"I cannot thank you half enough!"
"I simply love that tidy!"

Well, now I have my mind outspoke,
I'll turn to something pleasant;
I'll finish that embroidered yoke
For Janey's Christmas present.

C. W.



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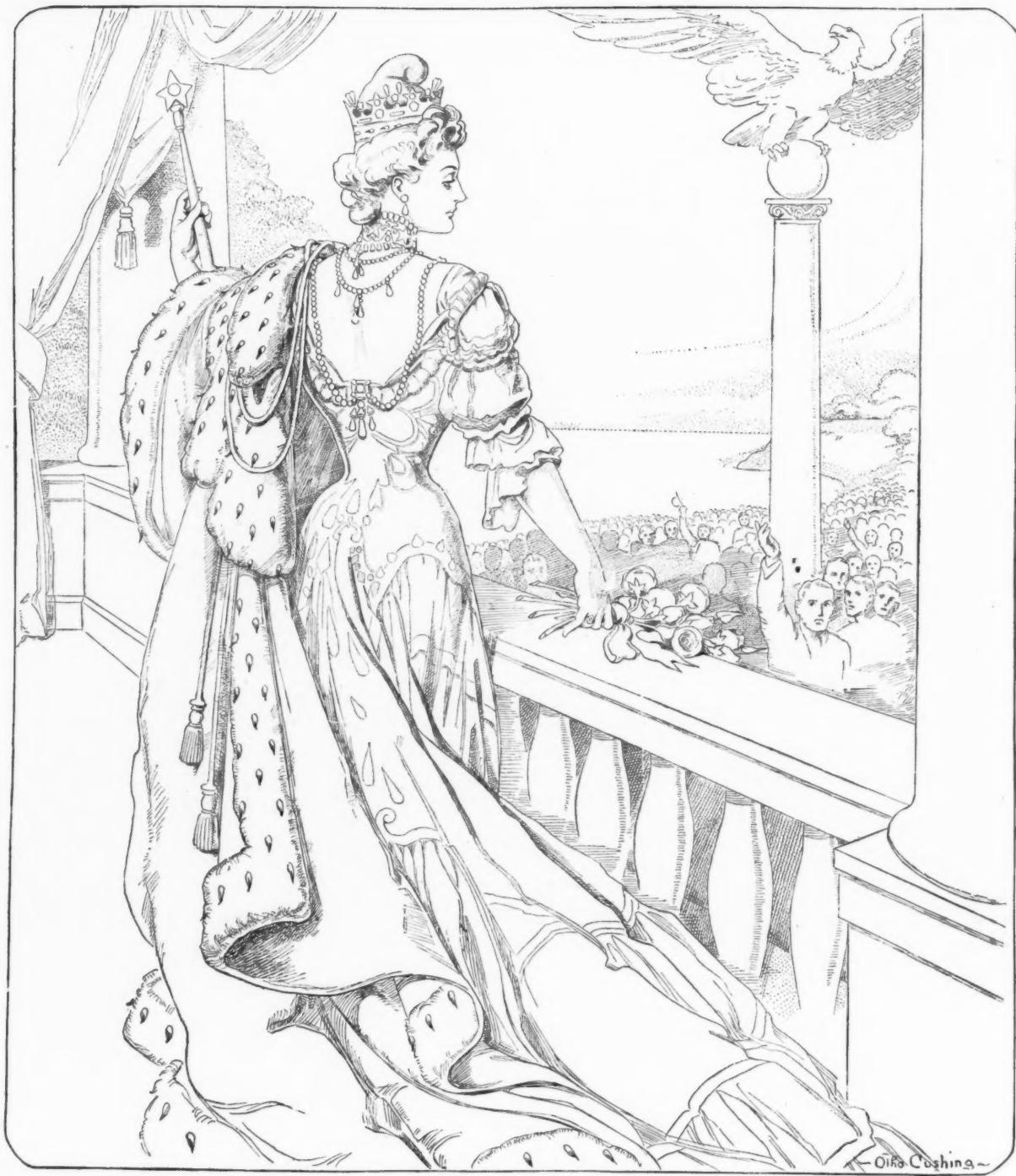
MEMOIRS OF COLUMBIA

HAVING BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH STRESS, THE COUNTRY THOUGHT I NEEDED SOME RELAXATION, AND, AS A RESULT, BROTHER JONATHAN (U. S.) ARRANGED A FÊTE FOR ME AT PHILADELPHIA IN 1876, IN HONOR OF THE CENTENARY OF MY ORIGIN. I HAD NOT REALIZED HOW MUCH HAD BEEN DONE IN THE WAY OF INVENTION AND PROGRESS UNTIL THE MOMENT WHEN I WAS ESCORTED THROUGH THE EXHIBITION AND SHOWN THE RECENT TRIUMPHS OF SCIENCE, AND RECEIVED THE ENCOMIUMS OF EUROPE, TOGETHER WITH THE SALUTATIONS OF MY SELF-SATISFIED ADHERENTS. . . .



MEMOIRS OF COLUMBIA

FOR SOME TIME I HAD REGARDED ONE OF MY LATIN NEIGHBORS WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TOLERANT DISAPPROVAL. AND ESPECIALLY WAS THIS THE CASE WHEN, FOR WANT OF ENOUGH BULLS TO TORTURE, HE AMUSED HIMSELF BY PLAYING MATADOR TO HIS OWN TROPICAL OFFSPRING, CUBA. I, THEREFORE, LANDED ON HIM WITH SOME FORCE (NAVAL AND MILITARY) WITH EXCELLENT, AND I TRUST LASTING, RESULTS.



MEMOIRS OF COLUMBIA

BEHOLD ME, A WORLD POWER! . . . WITH POSSESSIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, AN IMPERIAL REPUBLIC. I WRITE THESE CONCLUDING WORDS WITH THE PEOPLE CLAMORING OUTSIDE FOR A SIGHT OF ME IN MY NEW REGALIA . . . OF me, ONCE THE FIERY LEADER OF A REVOLT, NOW—— WE, COLUMBIA, EMPRESS OF THE WEST!

Christmas Version

MY check-book, 'tis of thee,
Sad mark of penury,
To thee I cling;
Figures I fain had lied,
Figures that brought no pride,
Yet are the kids supplied;
So let us sing.

Two Conversations

WHAT are you eating?"
"Very little, doctor. You see
I haven't dared to eat much."

"That's right. Now I'll make out a
list of things. No red meat. No un-
derground vegetables. No starch. No
sugar. Gluten bread—"

"I hate it."

"You'll get used to it. And have
this prescription filled and take these
powders three times a day. Come back
in a week."

The patient—a thin, nervous little
man—smiled.

"If I'm alive," he replied.

"Oh, you'll pick up gradually—in a
year or so. Good morning."

Reader, this is a sample conversa-
tion. It takes place several times a
day in every large city. Do you rec-
ognize it? Have you ever been one



"THEY MIGHT HAVE TOLD ME THAT THIS HOUSE WAS BEING DEMOLISHED"

of the principal characters yourself?
If not, you know someone who has
been.

"Doctor, how long have you been
advocating the starvation treatment?"

"About a year."

"What did you advocate before
that?"

The stuffing treatment."

"Why did you change from one to
the other? Not long ago it was the
fad to chew your food."

"Yes. But now it has been proved
—at least, it is the present idea—that

excessive chewing of food has a bad
effect, as the alimentary canal is not
sufficiently stimulated."

"And the next move will be to chew
less?"

"Yes. That fad is just coming in."

"How long will that last?"

"Until the public are suspicious and
it becomes unprofitable."

Thus the game goes on. Only the
wise man follows his own normal de-
sires, gives the specialists all the sea-
room he can and thinks about himself
as little as possible.



NO DANGER OF STARVING TO DEATH

*Optimistic Survivor, Observing
Coconuts: WELL, THERE'S PLENTY
OF FOOD HERE AT ANY RATE.*

·LIFE·

The Winner in Life's Contest

THE WINNING TITLE

Ah, Brother Piety, which shall it be—
“Onward, Christian Soldier,” or “Abide with Me”?

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The picture was first published in Life's Thanksgiving Number, and again in the issue following, November 9.

The contest closed at noon on Saturday, November 18.

There were in all 25,436 answers received. Over 3,800 envelopes were received on Saturday, the day of closing.

From all of the answers, 213 were selected among the probabilities. Each of the five judges (four men and one woman) took a separate list of these 213 titles and independently selected five which in his or her judgment were the best. This resulted in twenty-three titles. Then each judge made from this list a final selection of five titles, placing them in the order of merit. It

was then discovered that two of the judges had the winning title first on their lists, one had it second and one had it third, while one judge did not have it at all.

Several of the best titles were not considered by the judges, as they were duplicated hundreds of times. Of “Landing the Pilgrim,” for instance, thousands were received.

The titles finally considered by the judges were (omitting the winning title) the twenty-two that follow:

No common ground 'twixt two extremes—
A freak each to the other seems!

Thou art woman;
And upon this rock I'll build a nation.

A very unfair struggle—a Twentieth Century Projectile vs. Seventeenth Century Armorplate.

Witch-craft wise,
Yet in this guise unrecognized,
Is the original witch.

Onto this scene bold Cupid's advancing—
It may be he's praying, mayhap he is dancing.

"He lifted up his eyes, and behold! she looked good to him."—*Hezekiah* 10, 23.

The Puritan Pledge
"Here's where I start a mighty schism,
Me for this anachronism!"

Propinquity.
Said the Plymouthrockcock to the Littlewhitewayhen:
I haven't been so bewitched since God-knewwhen.

"Nothing happens to anybody which he is not fitted by Nature to bear."—*Marcus Aurelius*

"There is a divinity with shapely ends, Rough-view them how he will."

How didst come hither, my airy maid?
Came in an aeroplane, sir, she said.

An old stone with a new setting.

The Eternal Conflict.
(The battlefield may be new, but the fight dates from Adam.)

The audience, though small, was most appreciative.

"Peek for yourself, John Alden."

"Sometimes the absence of the better half
Doth much enhance the whole."

"December 21, 1620—A date on the Plymouth Rock."

Little fluffy tarlatan,
Little dash of paint,
Makes a Puritan Father
Feel like he ain't.

"To church? or her acquaintance seek?
Methinks I'll go to church—next week!"

Who would not be a Pilgrim making Progress?

The Battle of the Wilderness.

"The Pilgrim attended Divine worship in the face of odds that would have discouraged most men."—*Old History*.

These Were Received in Thousands

"Pilgrim's Progress," with variations of Interruption—Finis—End-Ditched, etc.

"A Man's a Man for a' that."

"To the Puritan all Things are Pure."

Pilgrims' Chorus, "Lead Us Not Into Temptation."

Landing of Pilgrim Father, and variations.

"Extremes Meet" and "Opposites Attract."

These Were Received in Hundreds

"Why Don't You Speak for Yourself, John?"

"Saint and Sinner"—"Vice and Virtue"—etc.

"The Same Yesterday, To-day, and Forever."

"Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!"

"Past and Present"—"Then and Now."

"A Modern Priscilla."

"You Certainly Look Good to Me."

"Do You Believe in Fairies?"

"Innocence (and cents) Abroad."

Rock of Ages.

"One Touch of Nature."

"He Who Hesitates Is Lost."

Temptation.

"Hell!" "Well, I'll Be Darned!"

"Gosh!" and similar exclamations.

"The Great White Way."

Various forms of "Grace."

Just Cause for Thanksgiving, etc.

Why the Minister Was Late to Church.

"No Place for a Minister's Son."

"Legacy—Dozens of Different Distortions."

"Well?"

"Oh! You Kid!"

These Were Received in Scores

"They All Fall for It."

"Look Who's Here."

"Manna in the Wilderness."

"When Joy and Duty Clash
Let Duty Go to Smash."

"Now Is the Winter," etc.

"It Was Not Like This in Ye Olden Days."

"For We Are Only Poor Weak Mortals, After All."

"Let Him Who Thinketh," etc.

"Obey That Impulse."

"Forbidden Fruit."

"When Greek Meets Greek."

"A Banana Peel on the Doorstep."

"Salem Witchcraft"—Modern Witchcraft.

"Irresistible Force and Immovable Object."

"Naughty, but Nice."

St. Anthony.

"Oh, Thou Child of Many Prayers."

"The Female of the Species."

"Parting of the Ways."

"And Thou Beside Me."

"Solomon in All His Glory."

"Your Young Men Shall See Visions."

"He Came, He Saw, She Conquered."

"Mirage."

*The Next Contest Will Begin in Life's Auto Number,
January 4, 1912*



The Horse: THIS IS ALL I GET FOR CHRISTMAS

Why Ada Never Married

HER mother's explanation: "She was always hard to suit!"

Her father's explanation: "She could not find a man her intellectual equal."

Aunt Fanny's explanation: "Young men are not what they were in my day!"

Brother Jim's explanation: "She was never much of a looker, anyhow."

Her best friend's explanation: "She never was asked, that's the reason."

Ada's own explanation: "I could not bring myself to give up my church and settlement work!"

W. W. Whitelock.

Christmas Chimes

THE stork finds plenty of work for Santa Claus to do.
Under the mistletoe old maids rush in where pretty girls do not have to tread.

When poverty enters the door Santa Claus doesn't come down the chimney.

It is more extravagant to give than to receive.
Too many trimmers spoil the Christmas tree.



"WHAT KIND OF SLIPPERS DO YOU WANT?"
"THEY'RE FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR PAPA, SO I'D LIKE SOMETHING WITH A SOFT SOLE."



AN ALIGNMENT

Christmas Refuge for Husbands

Do You Shrink from Staying at Home and Kissing Your Wife's Relatives? If So, the Husbands' Correspondence Bureau Offers a Safe Retreat.

WE take pleasure in announcing to all our friends and patrons the fact that we have opened a Husbands' House of Refuge for the use of all those husbands who may desire to spend Christmas away from the bosom or bosoms of their family, as the case may be.

This action, on our part, somewhat in advance of the Christmas rush, is based on our long experience, and while we hesitate to give vent to utterances which may be misinterpreted and may possibly have a tendency to detract from the fine sentiment of the glad Yuletide season, at the same time, the bitter truth must be faced. We must be prepared to protect our customers at all periods.

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IT must be confessed that to our average customer—meaning most of the husbands in this country—the Christmas season is not exactly a bed of roses. Having ourselves—through our various marriages—most of them contracted in order that we might widen our experience for the benefit of the trade—having ourselves, we say, come into intimate personal contact with a variety of families, ranging all the way from the grim New England species to the Wild West kind, we can state truthfully that we are not wildly enthusiastic about the average Christmas reunion.

During the past decade, at Christmas reunions we have been compelled to kiss two hundred and forty-seven varieties of female beauty. Many of these ladies were austere and strictly wholesome old maids; many of them were married ladies of long standing, and others we prefer to hide behind the charitable veil of the dim past. It has, of course, been a part of our business to perform this necessary Christmas function—which invariably took place in the presence of our respective wife—with enthusiasm and eagerness. In fact, we have become so trained by this Christmas gauntlet-running that we don't suppose there is any female in the length and breadth of this prosperous country who would compel us to side-step. No matter how homely a woman may be—give us a little start, and enable us to infuse into ourselves the necessary Christmas feeling—we believe that we should be equal to any emergency.

We should also like to state, in justice to the past, that there have been times, in the presence of some fresh and inviting young relatives of our said wife, that we have positively rather enjoyed the custom.

But, on the whole, we are heavy losers in the game. We have known, in the course of our checkered business career, many husbands so lost to shame that they have declared that they look forward each Christmas season to kissing all of their wife's relatives. This pathetic condition we consider it our duty to alleviate as much as is in our power. Hence our Christmas House of Refuge.

By letting us know at once we will give you a good

room and guarantee you absolute quiet. The Refuge will be in charge of our tall, handsome blonde, and the chairman of our Entertainment Committee will be constantly within call.

If you contemplate this step send at once for our little booklet, entitled "One Thousand Ways to Leave Home."

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IN order that there may be no misapprehension, we desire to say that the Christmas entertainment which we will give to all our husbands will be fully equal to our great reputation. It is intended to be a complete surprise, but we shall violate no confidence when we say that we have already ordered two bales of mistletoe for the occasion.

Unfortunately, we ourselves shall not be able to be present in person. Our recent marriage, we regret to say, has not turned out as we had every reason to expect; we speak of this misfortune freely for the reason that our own troubles, by giving us an added insight into the depths of the human heart, only enable us to cater more faithfully to our friends. Just at present we are looking forward to spending Christmas Eve in a divorce court, and unless all signs fail, we shall probably hang up our stocking near the open fireplace in that rather severe but not uncheerful room. We have planned spending Christmas Day in filing our bill of complaint, and inasmuch as the particulars are numerous and we do not care to let the other party get the advantage of us, we shall give up the whole day to drawing up this important paper.

While this is, of course, a purely personal matter we mention it to show that our heart is in our work and that we are so busy looking after our customers' interests during the entire year that Christmas Day is about the only time we have to ourselves.

Our present wife, by the way, is a young and handsome woman, and we would be willing to pay anyone of our hopeless cases a reasonable sum if he would take her off our hands. We married her under a slight misconception about her temperament, supposing that she did not have one; we have no fear but that the decree will be granted; at the same time, in order to show that we harbor no resentment, we should like to place her with some desirable party. It would be easier all around. In case the prospective gentleman is already burdened with a wife, we will arrange to get rid of her for him at a merely nominal figure.

If you desire to spend Christmas at the Refuge communicate with us at once. In the meantime, we have been requested to ask all of our customers to do their Christmas shopping early. We sincerely hope that the disgraceful spectacles of mobs of husbands in our department stores just on the eve of Christmas, making life miserable for the shop ladies, will not this year be repeated.

Husbands' Correspondence Bureau.

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Lead the Mental Christmas Life

*By Joining the Imaginary Present Giving Company You Save Yourselves a World of Trouble—
Kissing Under the Mistletoe—A Choice of Stars*

WHY not get rid of all the Christmas worry by joining the Christmas Imaginary Present Giving Company, just organized by Gee Ime Mit, the manager of LIFE's Thought Bureau?

The Imaginary LIFE now has a circulation of about fifty millions; subscription, one hundred mental dollars a year, payable in advance; advertising rates, two hundred mental dollars a line.

If you wish to become a subscriber, not only to the Imaginary LIFE, but also to the Christmas League,

just want to be one, and send us five mental dollars as a guarantee of good faith.

We will get it; our perfected Yogi department never lets anything get by.

In the meantime, avoid all Christmas worry. To do this send this year only imaginary presents. It's the intention that counts anyway; the purer the intention, the better the gift.

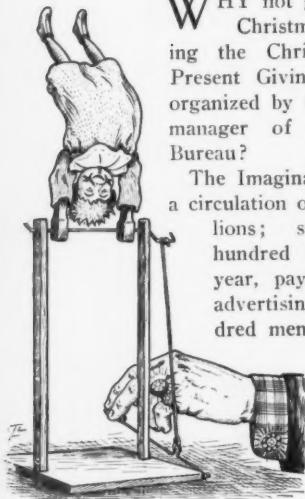
Immediately upon reading this send us a thought impulse to subscribe; by return vibration you will get an acknowledgment in due form, together with a receipt; file this away in your subliminal consciousness for future reference.

The moment you become a member of the Christmas Imaginary Present Giving League your happiness will begin; you will experience all the joy of Christmas without its annoyance.

No shopping in advance. No tips. No straining after what to give your friends; we do it all.

Please be guided by the following formula:

First, place yourself in a passive attitude. No matter where you are—in a trolley, subway, air ship or on the



ocean—imagine you are a jelly fish and permit the great life currents to flow through your mental consciousness. Remain in this condition for five minutes or so until you begin to feel mental thrills. How can you tell a mental thrill? In this manner: Close your eyes and if you see a blue disc with a yellow center you may know you are on the threshold of a thrill; hold this as long as possible. *You will know.* It is impossible to describe the exact sensation, except that it feels as if you had been suddenly shot up in an elevator.

The moment you begin to feel the thrill make a mental list of all the friends you have in the world. Send their names along the line to our Yogi department, with enough imaginary dollars, to cover the cost of the presents.

If you have a hundred friends, send us a couple of thousand; this will give each of them a nice gift. We deduct a small commission.

Do not name the gift; we do all that. Our system of espionage over the minds of everyone enables us to select just the right thing for Christmas.

On Christmas morning, when you wake up, immediately place yourself in the aforesaid passive attitude and you will begin to receive impressions of gratitude for what you have done. It will thrill you strangely; you will hear (mentally, of course) such words as: "Just what I wanted." "How could you guess that I have been crazy for this?" "It was just lovely of you to think of me in this way; and so unexpected!" etc.

Please understand that under our system no one is omitted; if you have some friend from whom for several years you have been trying to cut loose and give no Christmas present, you are spared the annoyance of receiving a handsome gift from him when you haven't sent him any yourself. We arrange all this.

We attend to all of your mental shopping.

If you desire a Christmas tree, we put up an imaginary one in your house for a mere song.

Do you wish to kiss a pretty girl under the mistletoe? Subscribe at once and we will give you your choice of a hundred stars of the first magnitude; in this case, by a special insulating process, we secure you against too many thrills.

Try a special Christmas house party. All mental. No servants leaving at critical moments. No guests who talk interminably. Constant vibration of Christmas joy without any friction.

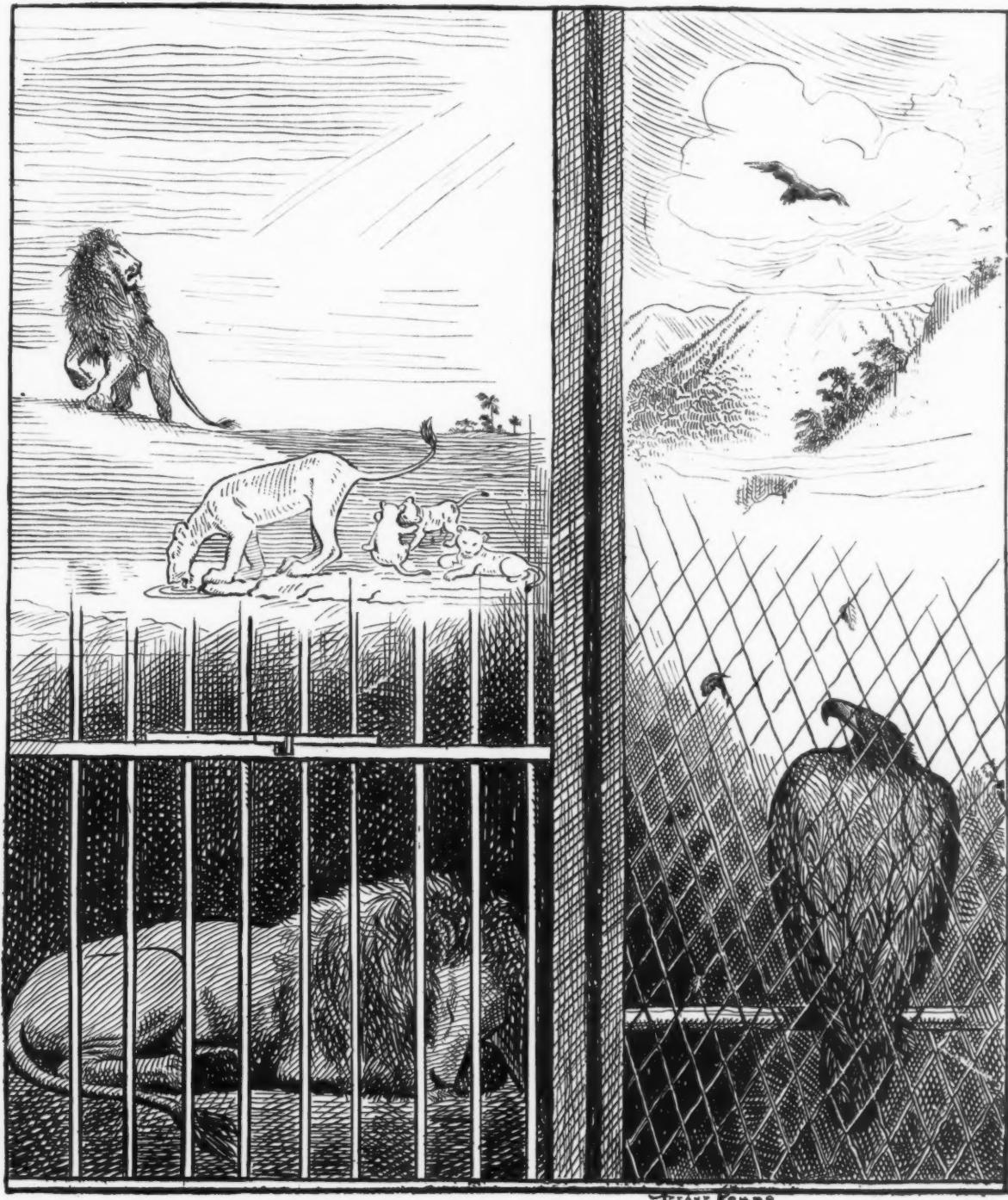
For one thousand imaginary dollars we will levitate one of our mental Santa Clauses to spend Christmas at your home and amuse the children; he will do everything; trim the mental tree, hang up the imaginary stockings, come down the dream chimney and present them with enough thought presents to last them through the year.

Address

GEE IME MIT. (He will get it.)



"SETTING THE TABLE IN A ROAR"



ONLY DREAMING





THE FLIRT

A Generous Soul

A BEGGAR stopped me on the way
And sought a modest pension—
I felt so very good that day
I gave him—my attention.
A widow called and asked me for
Assistance o'er the ice.
I sent her from my office door
With heaps of—good advice.

An old time friend came later in
A deal of sore distress,
But though 'twas clear he wanted tin
I gave him—my address.
A tenant up against bad luck
One bitter winter's day
Besought relief—I gave the duck
Another day to pay.

A stranger on the snowy street
Rehearsed a tale of guile,
And though I knew 'twas indiscreet
I gave the man—a smile.
Then came a sad and stranded wight,
An immigrant from France,
And begged a lodging over night,
And got—a kindly glance.

O what a thrill! How deep! How true!
These times so glad and gay,
Doth come from helping others through
The woes that dog their way.
How triply blest is he who shares,
From his abundance pent,
Those gifts to ease another's cares,
Yet never spends a cent!

Wilberforce Jenkins.

COME, Rollo, let us look at the Xmas Numbers!

Let us acquire some of the good cheer of the Yuletide. How beautiful are the pictures on the covers, are they not? How intensely novel the designs!

See the girl with the plum pudding all aflame and the holly in her hair. Is it not quaint?

And, as I live, here is a girl under the mistletoe with pouted lips. What odd fancies these artists have!

Here are angels at choir practice and Santa Claus in an air ship! And see this purple church and the snow, how pink it is as it falls!

Now we will turn to the contents. Consider this strong statistical article, "Xmas in Many Lands." It is always a good one. It is kept standing constantly in some of the offices.

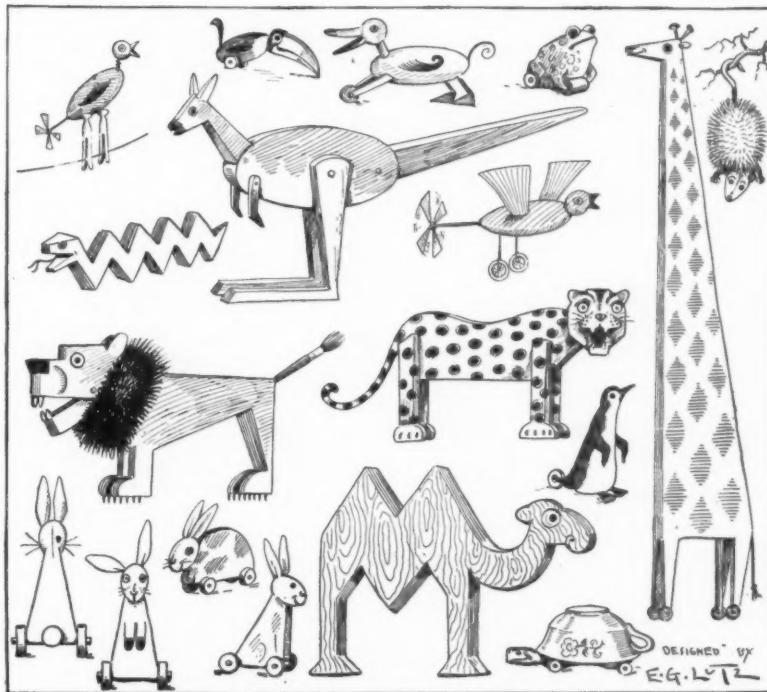
Now comes a pathetic poem, "Xmas in the Poorhouse." How uncomfortable it makes us feel! Turn over quickly.

Ah—here we have a lovely illustration, "Xmas at the Old Home." See all the relatives—how pie-faced they look as they gather round the board. Contemplate all the food. Is it not sentimental to think they are going to overeat? They will have to take pepperin tablets for a week.

This picture never loses its simple wholesome drag on the reading public. That is why it is never left out. Never was there an old home so old as this!

Now, here, we have a bit of variety, "Xmas in Camp." This young man in the wrinkled pants and the sombrero, with a handkerchief tied about his neck, frying bacon over the fire is a cowboy. What a strong, splendid specimen of manhood he is! How fascinating he would look in regular sponged and pressed clothes!

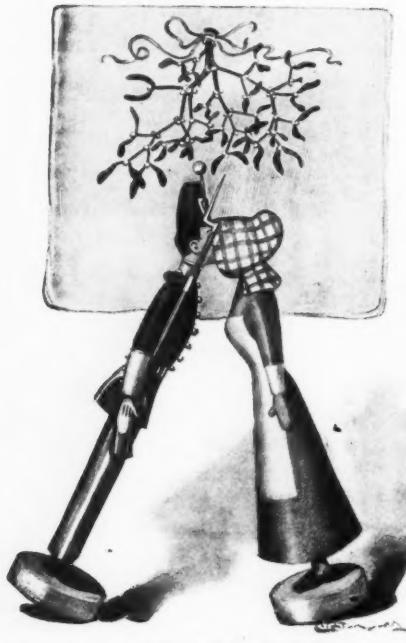
This other young man, sitting down, seems to be polishing golf balls. No—we are wrong. Look closer and you will see that he is peeling potatoes with



MORE NEW ANIMAL TOYS

VERY HELPFUL IN TEACHING THE YOUNG TO KNOW THINGS AS THEY ARE NOT

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UNDER THE MISTLETOE

a bowie knife. There is good red blood in that picture when you get it right. But get it right.

Turning the pages rapidly we come to a staunch old friend, "My Happiest Xmas." This is a symposium, composed of uninteresting falsehoods signed by notables. How weird it would be if it were all true!

Next is, "What Xmas Really Means." It is usually signed Peter B. Madison, but this time there is some other sanctimonious scribe down as the author. This, you see, gives a dash of deep seriousness to the general air of holiday cheer. It is the Uplift!

Oo-o-oh! Surely they would never leave this out, "The Actors' Xmas." These are all actors sitting on their trunks on the bleak railway station.

Would it not draw tears from a stone? It is pathetic to think of the poor actors so far from their homes and all the *cafés* closed probably. This illustration endures through all the reactions in art.

Why, you say, do not the editors get good new stuff?

Because they do not wish to go above the heads of the American people. The rural community—the Village Idiot, as it were—must be served at Xmas.

But look again at the actors. Chilled to the bone! Poor turkeyless mummers! Will the train never come? How cold and cheerless it is! U—gh—h—h!

I cannot stand it—it is so sad! My lip is trembling. Close the book quickly. Ah, what do we see? Here on the cover is the colored *chef* of the Cream of Hay ad.

How life-like he is! If he had more repression and fewer teeth he would not be so bad! He has a big turkey on a platter and it seems it is stuffed with cream of hay.

Count his teeth, Rollo! I wonder what he is barking about? How merry he is! Ha—ha—ha—ha! What would we do without the Xmas Numbers?

K. M.

An Advertisement

WANTED—A Newspaper. Need urgent. Important things are happening, the news of which is not disseminated. We need something that will take an entirely new view of what is going on. Something that will not pander to the degenerate taste for scandal, crime, platitudinous interviews with industrial barons, prize



"SUCH A DAYTIME I'VE MADE OF IT!"

fights, Wall Street, divorces of the idle rich, gossip of society and other superficialities. Address Constant Reader, New York City.



PORTRAIT OF WILLIE ON HIS WAY TO BANK HIS FIRST WAGES

The Return

OUTSIDE, it was a dark and stormy night. The wind blew—as it always does on such occasions—in fitful gusts. Suddenly a stranger appeared at the door. He pressed the button fearlessly. He was tall and handsome, but his face—as usual—was weather beaten.

The door opened, and the maid thrust her head out.

"Who are you?"

"Is this the Spriggs's house?"

"Yes."

"Well, I am Mrs. Spriggs's long-lost son. I have been away from home for twenty years; during this time I have circled the globe. Break the news gently to mother, please."

"Mrs. Spriggs is not in."

"Where is she?"

"Attending a political caucus. She won't be home until one or two in the morning."

"But perchance my father—"

"He is upstairs repairing his clothes, and has left orders not to be disturbed, even if you came."

"Even if I came! Why, they didn't know I was coming."

"They have been prepared for it in case you did."

"My sister Ellen?"

"She is rolling cigarettes for a bridge party and won't be through for an hour. After that she dictates to her secretary."

"My brother William—where is he?"

"Living in Reno for the present."

"May I come in and warm myself?"

The maid shook her head.

"Sorry sir, but my orders are positive. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs have notified me that if their long-lost child turned up at any time, to tell him that they all have so many engagements that they couldn't see him for an indefinite time. You might, however, drop in again in a couple of years."

A LADY who lived on the isthmus,
Was worried the day after
Christmas;
The fragments of holly
Made her melancholy;
She sighed: "Will you please look at
this muss!"



THEIR FIRST CHRISTMAS

What is Christmas?

By a Member of the Pessimists' Club

CHRISTMAS is a time when a man named Santa Claus distributes presents to a favored few and ignores the unfavored many.

It is a time when a lot of people who have been out of work are given temporary employment, only to know for certainty that as soon as it is over they will go back to idleness and possible starvation. It is also a time when

a lot of so-called charitable organizations band themselves together for the purpose of fleecing the public and to enable their officers to live in comfort.

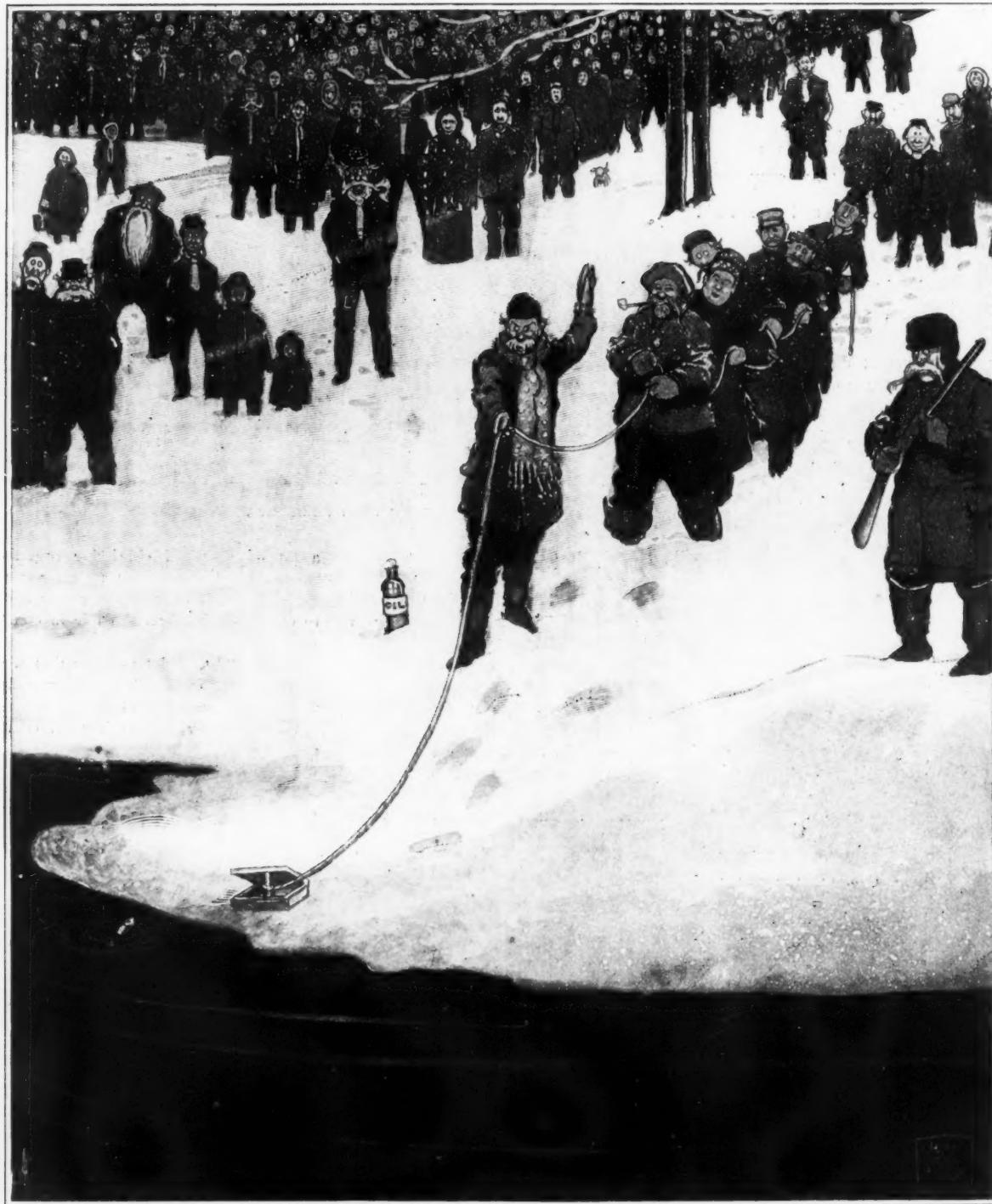
When we get a lot of gifts that we don't want in exchange for other gifts we have sent which no one else wants.

When we pay about thirty per cent. more for things than we would if we waited a couple of months later.

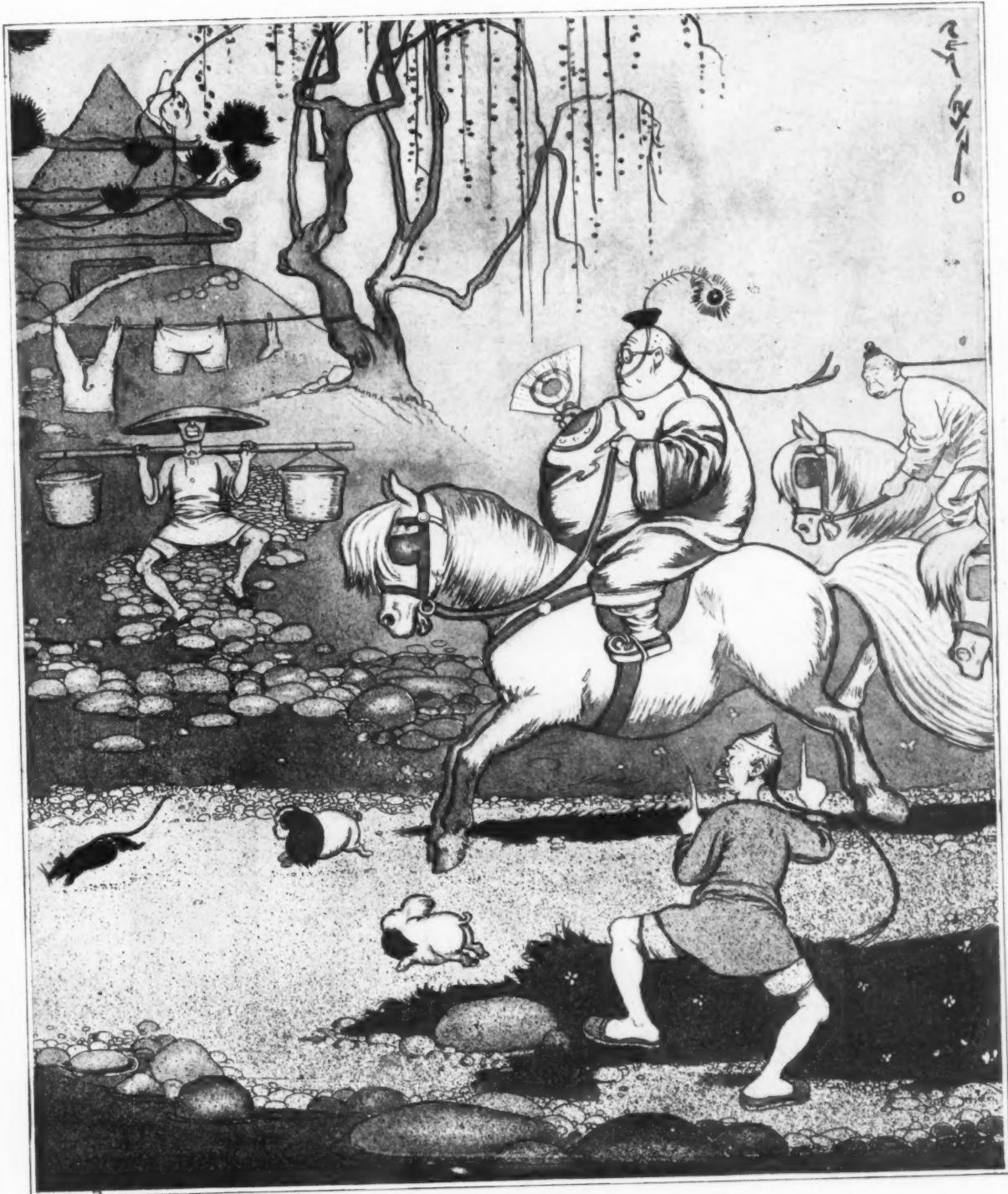
When there is nothing but newspaper to wrap parcels in.



"TO HIM THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN"



SPORTS OF ALL NATIONS
TRAPPING SARDINES IN NORWAY



RIDING TO HOUNDS FOR "CHOP SUEY" IN CHINA



A DEBATE OF DUTCH UNCLES IN HOLLAND

Trustworthy Thomas

THREE are fires that slumber in every man. The private hell of Thomas Green blazed up, as if an officious devil had stirred the pit, when he read a pencil entry in a little notebook:

"5.4.09 Sold Trustworthy Thomas 4,000 Dextras at 1/-£200."

The entry was in the crabbed hand of his employer, generally known as Retail Harrison, because no gain was too small for his net.

Mr. Retail Harrison had set old Green to tidy his private papers, because he held that no other clerk was fool enough to be trusted. He kept the slow-witted, gray-bearded, kindly old man for this very foolishness. He called him Trustworthy Thomas. He credited him with two other virtues. "He has," he once told an intimate, "the gift of believableness—I suppose it's his white beard—and the mind of a phonograph. I tell him what to say to people, and he says it. They believe it from him, and they wouldn't believe it from me! See!"

"I see that they would not believe you," the intimate had answered; and Retail Harrison had chuckled at the praise. Nobody ever believed him, except Trustworthy Thomas. His belief vanished at the sight of the pencil entry.

On the fourth of May, 1909, Thomas had invested a recent small legacy—the only wealth of his life—with the advice and assistance of his employer. He had bought 4,000 Dextras at 1/. They were no longer quoted, but a speculative broker had offered him £10 for the lot. He had been moved by Thomas's evident trouble and was relieved when his offer was refused. In short, Retail Harrison had got rid of some rubbish of his own and netted his old clerk's £200. It happened that Trustworthy Thomas wanted the money just now. He was a widower with one child, and the one child was ill and the doctors said that the only hope was residence in a dry climate abroad. Thomas had never been able to save much and the girl's illness had already exhausted his meager savings—and more.

He sat with the notebook open in

front of him and stared and stared and stared. Presently he took from a well-worn pocketbook a well-worn photograph of a pretty, delicate young girl. He kissed it.

"You will die, my dear," he said, "unless—"

He repeated the word several times, as if he dared not finish the thought. "Unless—"

This is the story of the "—unless"—the exception that Trustworthy Thomas found to his rule of conduct.

The next morning he asked for five minutes of his employer's valuable time, and his employer gave the minutes. He cultivated a reputation for kindness with Thomas, so that Thomas might pass it on.

"You do not know him as I do," Thomas would say. "A kind man, a most considerate man. I have been with him for seventeen years and I know."

Also Thomas's belief in his benevolence amused him and he expected five minutes' entertainment.

"Well?" he asked indulgently, "what can I do for you, Thomas?"

Thomas rested a skinny hand on the desk and looked down at the hand.

"A little while ago, sir," he said, with a deprecating cough, "I had a legacy."

"You lucky dog!" said Harrison. He rubbed his fat hands and smiled his over-fed, creasy smile. "I never get legacies."

"It was," Thomas continued, "a matter of two hundred pounds."

"Two hundred pounds is a lot of money, Thomas," his employer remarked, winking to himself. "A lot of money!"

"You were good enough to advise me how to invest it. In fact you were so very kind as to instruct your own broker to arrange the investment for me, if you remember."

Harrison glanced at him sharply, but there was no trace of the smouldering fires on his solemn, old face.

"Ah," he said. "Yes, yes. Sinistras, wasn't it? They've gone up a trifle, I understand. It's rather a hope-

ful property, but slow; very slow."

"No, sir," said Thomas, shaking his head. "It was Dextras, and they've gone down."

Harrison raised his hands.

"You must have mixed things up as usual," he cried. "Really, you are too careless. Dextras are hopeless. I've always refused to touch them. If you'd bought Sinistras, as I advised—well, well. We all have our little losses. You should be thankful it wasn't more."

"It was all I had," Thomas stated gravely, "and—and I need the money very badly, very badly."

"Dear me," said his employer. "That is unfortunate. Well, you can't blame me, you know."

The inward fires lit up again in Thomas. He started to speak, clenched his hands and stopped himself. To twit his employer with his rascality would only make matters worse.

"My daughter is ill," he said hoarsely. "She is all I have. She is young—just twenty. It is her lungs. The doctor says I ought to send her to Switzerland. Two hundred pounds isn't much to you, and I thought if you would buy them back—it was your advice, and—"

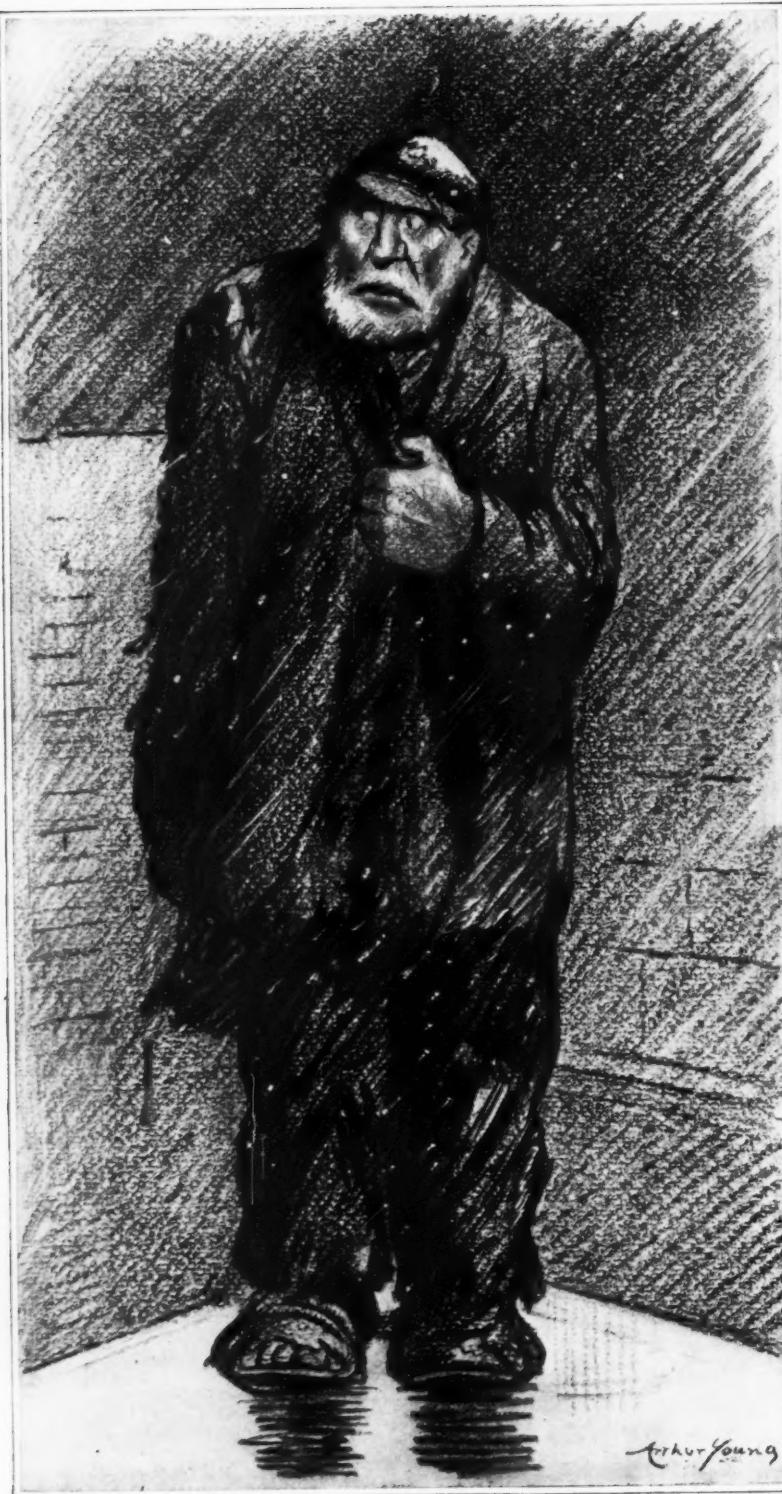
Harrison made a sound like an enraged bird; one of those big birds that prey.

"My advice!" he roared. "I told you Sinistras and you went and mixed up the names, as you always do, you stupid old fool. I have put up with your stupidity and overpaid you, and now you come the whining mendicant!"

"Not for myself," the old man pleaded. "I'd die before I'd ask anyone for a penny. It isn't me. It's—just a young life! If you heard her cough! She's such a pretty girl, and the only one. Her mother—it's fifteen years ago she died—and her last words—"

"The five minutes are up," Harrison snapped. "There's the meeting at eleven, and I—"

"If you'd give me a hundred for them," Thomas pleaded desperately. "She's all I have in the world—the only thing I have. She—she's too young to—"



THE UNDER DOG

The Under Dog

FAMINE is in thy cheeks,
Need and oppression starveth
in thy eyes,
Upon thy back hangs ragged misery;
The world is not thy friend, nor the
world's law."

"That's enough!" Harrison roared.
"She's dying by inches," the old man persisted. "I'll work all day and all night to pay it back. I'll—"

Harrison took his hat and walked to the door.

"I shall be at the Columbia Board," he stated, "if anyone wants me."

The old man followed him up.

"It was your advice," he cried. "If she dies—"

"—you!" roared his master. "I'm not a charity organization. If you forget yourself like this again, you'll have to go."

"I'd sell my soul for a hundred pounds," Thomas almost screamed.

"Your soul!" the millionaire cried. "Your soul!"

He laughed—genuinely. The idea that anyone would buy the soul of Trustworthy Thomas appealed to his sense of humor.

"For the love of God!" Thomas begged. "I'll move heaven and earth to repay you. I'll—I'll—." His voice broke.

The door closed. Trustworthy Thomas threw up his hands as if he appealed to heaven. Then he dropped them and ground his teeth and clenched his fists, as if he appealed elsewhere. He fixed his eyes on the safe in the corner. His lips twitched and his long beard wagged absurdly.

"Merciful God!" he groaned. "I've always been an honest man. It's the child's life. Not *that* way—I'd be found out and it would kill her. Not a common thief—the child's life—"

He drew near the safe, glancing all round him; touched it, fumbled for a key, and suddenly turned and ran out of the room. A sixty-years' habit of honesty is hard to break, and Thomas's trustworthiness had proved too strong for him.

Harrison spoke to him roughly when he returned from the meeting.

"You can apologize for your behavior or go," he said. "I give you

till to-morrow to think it over. If you stay, remember this: Your daughter is yours, not mine. See?"

Our lives pass many dangers unaware. Harrison brushed shoulders with death just then. A heavy ruler lay near Thomas's fingers as they tapped softly on the desk. He had a curious whispering feeling that it would be pleasant to bring the ruler down just on the little bald place on Harrison's head. His natural slowness saved him from the deed. The whisper died away in five seconds, but in those five seconds he had formed a strangely steady resolution. Harrison had cheated two hundred pounds—and that meant a girl's life—out of him. He would cheat the two hundred pounds—and his daughter's life—out of Harrison. The contest between his slow wit and Harrison's quick wit was not so unequal, he told himself. For Harrison trusted him. The very trustworthiness which had enabled him to be cheated would enable him to cheat. Honesty was no virtue, but a vice, dealing with such a man. He bowed his head slowly.

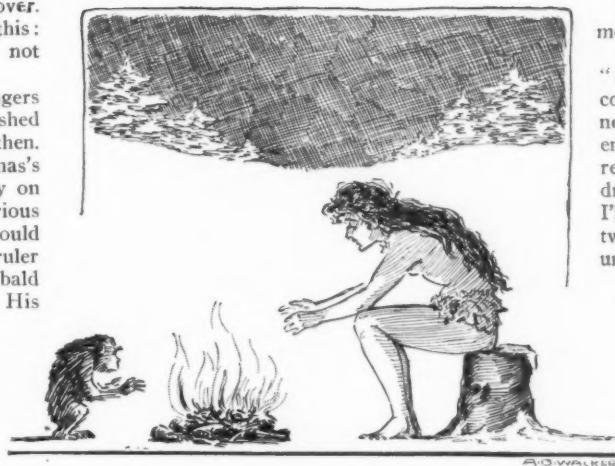
"I will think it over, sir," he said. He thought it over. His mind was not really stupid, only sluggish. He spurred it. The next morning an opportunity came his way and he saw it.

He went into his master holding a cable in his hand. It was from Harrison's agent in the mining district—a rogue who betrayed his employers' secrets for a price. The cable was in cipher, but Trustworthy Thomas had decoded it. Being a fool and trustworthy he had charge of the key.

"I apologize, sir," he said, and held out the translation.

Harrison took it and slapped his leg. For it read thus: "Enormous vein struck on Dextrus. Buy every share at any price. Keeping back report to board for six days."

"I've more cause for apology than you know, sir," Thomas said softly. "When I was ordering your papers I saw a note showing that it was your shares I bought. I was fool enough to think that you had taken advantage of me. Now I know better, of course. You see, I had my troubles and they unbalanced me, or I shouldn't have



CHRISTMAS EVE

been so mad as to mistrust you. Now, thanks to you, I shall be able to send her to Switzerland."

"Of course," said Harrison. "Of course! This is just what I expected. I'd have told you yesterday, but you were so—well, perhaps I wasn't in a good temper myself. Besides, I didn't want to raise your hopes and perhaps disappoint you. I was half a mind to give you one hundred pounds for them, but I thought you'd do better by holding on. We must keep this quiet, Thomas, *very* quiet. In a day or two I may be able to sell them for you for the full two hundred!"

Harrison rubbed his hands.

"And perhaps a little profit?" Thomas suggested timidly.

"Perhaps even a little profit," the millionaire agreed; "but it doesn't do to be too greedy. I'll tell you when to sell, Thomas. In two or three days, I should think."

"Thank you, sir. Wouldn't they—I've no head for figures—but wouldn't they perhaps rise more after the report came out?"

"It depends, Thomas. It depends. Of course, these things leak out and—expectation is more than reality sometimes, you know. I think you'll get the best price by selling in a day or two. I'll tell you. We must be discreet. Throw that decode on the fire, for fear anyone might read it. You see, four thousand shares are a lot to put on the market. They'd make a glut. We must arrange the sale privately. I should think we might manage a small profit. We'll see, we'll see!"

He left the office quickly and motored to his broker's.

"I want Dextrus," he said, "a lot of them. It's a rotten concern, but they're going at next to nothing, and if I can buy enough to get control I might refloat it. There are two hundred thousand pound shares. I'll take up to one hundred and twenty thousand at six pence or under."

The broker shook his head.

"You can't buy at that," he stated. "Someone is in front of you; forty thousand were bought this morning. They began at one pence, but they ended at one shilling three pence. You'll have to go slowly or they will jump."

"Get what you can up to two shillings," Harrison commanded.

But he got very few at that price, and before the end of the day they were up to four shillings. He offered Thomas one shilling three pence apiece for his; and even increased the offer to one shilling six pence, but Thomas had an extraordinary attack of greed and obstinacy.

"There's a young fellow that I know who's on the Stock Exchange," he explained. "He tells me they're going up like wildfire. I'll wait a bit. You take my advice, sir, and hold on to what you've got. We'll make a pretty penny." He chuckled artfully.

"Those young fellows make me sick," Harrison growled. "You'll hold on to them till you lose. Look here, Thomas. You're a good chap and you can't afford to speculate as I can. I'll give you one shilling nine pence apiece."

"Thank you kindly, sir," said Thomas, "but I've handed them to Mr. Deedes—the young gentleman that I spoke of—to dispose of, and promised to trust to his judgment. I might tell him to come and see you."

"Yes," said Harrison. "Yes, but he'd better hurry up, or I might change my mind."

The young man did not hurry up, however, and when he came the next day the shares had got up to eight shillings. He wanted eight shillings six pence. Harrison drove him from his office. The next morning he sent for him again and bought them at nine shillings. Thomas's £200 had turned to £1,800. He went about the

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office chuckling, and when Harrison abused him for "a greedy old Jew," he showed a mind turned by his good fortune. If he did not suit, he would give a month's notice, he said.

"You can go now, if you like," Harrison roared. "You grasping, ungrateful, old scoundrel."

Thomas accepted the offer and left at lunch time. He did not even claim his wages for the broken week.

He went straight to his young friend and told him to sell out 40,000 Dextras, "as fast as Mr. Harrison will buy them," and to invest the proceeds and £1,500 of the £1,800 in Sinistras, which were quite low for a mine with possibilities. For, strange to say, it was Thomas who had made, on credit, the original purchases which started the rise of Dextrax!

When he left Mr. Deedes, he went to a shipping office and arranged for two special passages to Switzerland, with every luxury in the way of accommodation. Then he went home to his daughter and kissed her solemnly.

"I have made a lot of money, little girl," he said, "and I'm taking you to Switzerland to-morrow."

The girl laid her head on his shoulder and cried quietly. The grim reaper had seemed so near.

"How did you manage it, daddy?" she asked. "I expect that clever Mr. Harrison had something to do with it, hadn't he?"

"Yes, my dear," said Trustworthy Thomas. "Yes!"

By the evening of the following day, Thomas had sold his Dextrax, and Harrison had bought them.

The next morning the boards of both Dextrax and Sinistras received their usual telegraphic reports from their emissary, Harrison's friend. Dextrax, the agent said, might finally be considered worthless, and the company had better be wound up. Sinistras had struck an extraordinarily fine vein and should pay fifty per cent. for the next five years. Dextrax became immediately unsalable. Sinistras leaped from ten shillings to two pounds. Harrison lost £60,000 and reckoned that he had missed a gain of five times as much. Trustworthy Thomas found himself worth about £80,000.



Burglar: AFTER YOU, MY DEAR SANTA

"I would like," he reflected, "to see his face when he gets out that cable and decodes it for himself!"

For the cable said "Sinistras," where Thomas's decode, which had gone on the fire, said "Dextrax."

As a matter of fact, Harrison did not grasp the whole case when he decoded the cable. It was a "friend" who called that afternoon who enlightened him.

"It isn't often *you* get bitten," he said, with his tongue in his cheek. "How did it happen?"

"It was a confounded clerk of mine," Harrison growled. "He decoded a cable wrongly. He had Dextrax on the brain and wrote them down instead of Sinistras."

"He must have made a fine thing out of them," the "friend" observed, scarcely restraining a chuckle.

"Oh," said Harrison, "it wasn't that. He was too big a fool to work a swindle. In fact, it was Trustworthy Thomas."

The "friend" laughed outright at last.

"My confidential clerk has a pal in Jones, Law & Deedes, the jobbers," he said. "He's heard that 'Mr. Thomas Green'—Green's the chap's name, isn't it?—made a quarter of a million out of the business. He bought up all the Dextrax at the start, sold them out at the top and invested in Sinistras yes-

terday. He's had you fairly."

It was three months before Harrison spoke again to this "friend."

He turned the matter over in his mind, seeking a way to be revenged on Trustworthy Thomas; but he decided that, with the decode burnt, he could not succeed in a prosecution; and, besides, there was a likelihood—more than a likelihood—that trouble might come to himself and his agent at the mines, if their connection were disclosed. He decided that Thomas's punishment would come through his "conscience;" a faculty which he had heard was very troublesome to its possessors.

Harrison spent many hours concocting a letter which he considered well calculated to stir up this alien creature termed "conscience"; perhaps even—so he hoped—to move it to the point of restitution.

The letter reached Trustworthy Thomas when he was idling on the balcony of a little hotel overlooking a little Swiss lake. He read it carefully, down to the postscript. "You have a conscience," it said, "which you cannot escape. I leave you to it."

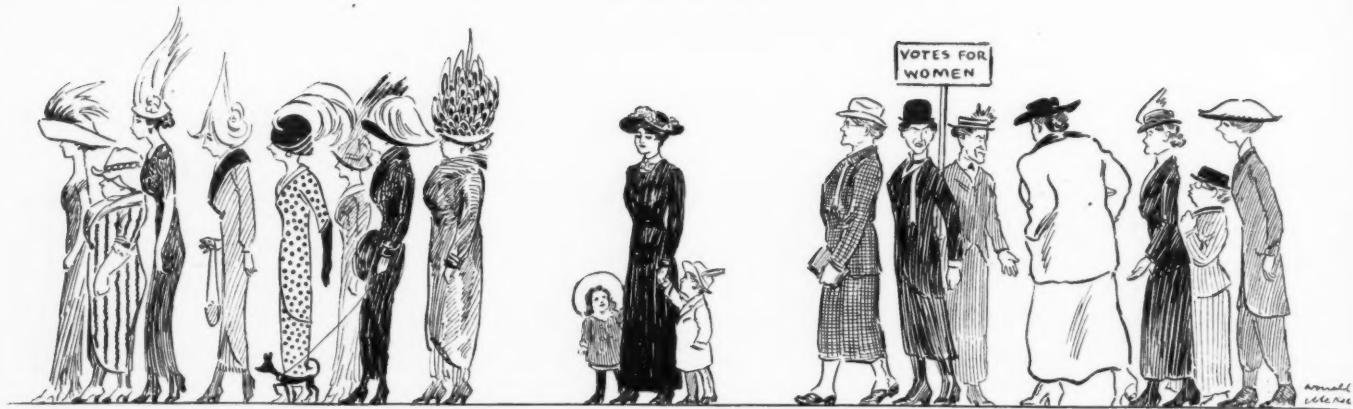
Trustworthy Thomas sighed several times. Then his daughter's laugh came up to him, and he looked down at her where she sat with a group of friends. There was a pretty color on her pretty face and her eyes were sparkling. She had been "taken in time," an eminent physician had told him that very morning.

And Thomas had decided to give £20,000 to saving the lives of other poor, consumptive young people.

There was a little *extra* color in the girl's cheeks just now. A tall, young fellow was whispering to her; a young fellow of whom Thomas entirely approved. She was saved, saved for love and happiness.

He tore the letter into little pieces and let them flutter down to the lake. He watched the swans glide up to examine them and glide away again. He lit an expensive cigar and smoked it with appreciation. The pleasure of affluence had not worn off yet. He leaned on the railing and listened smilingly for his daughter's next laugh.

His conscience did not trouble him.
Owen Oliver.



A LUCID INTERVAL

The Big Christmas

THE trust magnate was breakfasting sitting opposite his handsome, haughty-looking wife. The room was done in old oak and tapestry, and in the great fireplace a log of genuine Yule was burning.

He was iron gray, thin, tired looking, with an occasional attractive twinkle in his eye. She was inclined to be stout; her hair was snow white, elaborately dressed. A shadowy sweetness lingered in the corners of her mouth, suggesting the ghosts of youthful dimples.

She toyed with an iced orange and an egg on toast. He had a bowl of shredded something with fruit juice, which he ate with a spoon, as though he hated it. A table at one side of the room was piled high with still unopened packages that had come to these two fortunate persons as greeting for the holiday. The bell rang frequently and a man came in carrying another box, which he placed with the others.

"Another bronze inkstand came last night," chuckled the magnate; "that makes eighteen!"

His wife smiled faintly at him across the table.

"Thank you for the La Vallière, Harry," she said; "I've always wanted one of those pear-shaped pearls."

"They told me pink pearls were the very newest," he said. "Glad you liked it."

"How are the diamond links?" she asked.

"Rather loud for my style of beauty," he replied. "You will insist on buying my clothes, Mary, in spite of years of protest. I couldn't wear those links, except to a prize fight. I suppose they'll change them—yes?"

She was thinking, her cheek resting on her hand.

"Do you remember one Christmas Day—so many years ago," she questioned him, "when we were so poor we had no dinner?"

"Clearly. And now we have no digestions," he remarked.

"And one Christmas when you were so ill and we were in a hotel and so uncomfortable?"

He nodded cheerfully.

"You are forgetting the Big Christmas," he remarked.

"We've had so many of them together," she said, "it makes me feel quite old and a little bit sad."

"Think back," he said, "to one Christmas night that we were together in a sleigh on the old mill road. There were stars in the sky and it was cold. You were snuggling close to me—"

"Why Harry, we weren't engaged then."

"You were one of those snuggly girls, Mary. I repeat, you were crowding me some, but I didn't mind it. You wore a red knitted hood tied



CHRISTMAS MORNING
ANOTHER FRAUD DISCOVERED



AN HONORED GUEST

under your chin, and a—a tippet—yes, that's it, a tippet of white fur with little black specks on it like a cat."

"Ermine, you foolish boy."

"And suddenly we bumped over something and you were scared—and the next thing—you had kissed me."

"It was you that kissed me. The idea—why—"

"How could I? I was driving. You deliberately kissed me—Mary—don't deny it after all these years."

"I don't remember it, Harry."

"I remember it distinctly, for I had always wanted to, but being a modest youth, I was afraid. But that delightful bump in the road broke the ice. I dropped the reins and asked you to marry me. You said yes. You remember now, don't you?"

She was blushing faintly and the shadows that had been dimples deepened at her lips. She nodded her head.

"The horse jumped. Over went the sleigh and we tumbled into a big snow drift, not quite knowing what was the matter. The horse, being the one livery stable hack in the place, was used to lovers, so he just stood still, looking back at us while I righted the cutter and lifted you in. We were the happiest two in the world, weren't we?"

"Yes," she said softly.

"That was the Big Christmas, Mary," said he.

A man came in with a white box and placed it on the table and they withdrew their hands guiltily. The magnate cut the string, lifted some tissue paper and looked in.

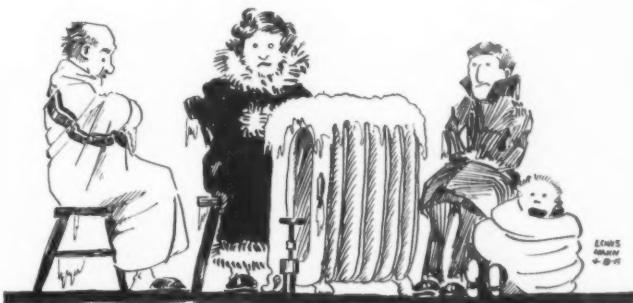
He chuckled horribly.

"Guess what it is," he asked.

"Another bronze inkstand?"

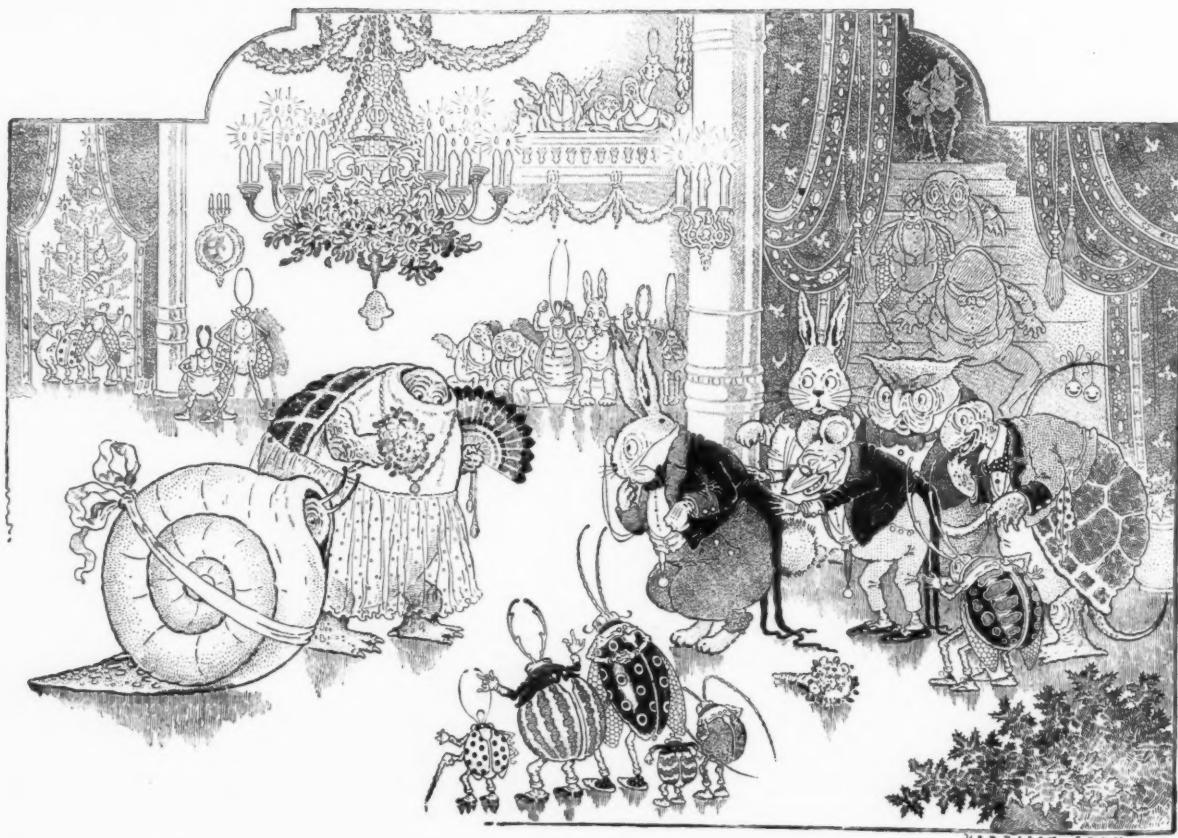
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Kate Masterson,



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Etiquette for Christmas

DO not push or crowd ahead of other shoppers. Wait patiently until they have all completed their purchases and then politely state your wants to the girl behind the counter.

Describe to her leisurely what it is you wish to buy. Nothing is more vulgar than an appearance of haste or impatience.

If she hasn't the article you desire, take whatever she has. It doesn't matter. Buy such things as seem shop-worn or unattractive. This is true kindness to others. Express no surprise at being obliged to wait a long time for your change. (If literary, carry a volume of Marcus Aurelius to read at these odd hours. If a fairly rapid reader, carry several volumes.)

Have no definite idea of what you want to buy for your friends' gifts. Trust to luck to see just the right thing at the right price. If you don't see it, take something else. It doesn't matter.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Late August or early September is a good time, as there are almost no

people in the shops then. Also, almost no goods. But it doesn't matter.

If the week before Christmas you find you have all your gifts bought and no money to buy more, go back and exchange some. It is a shame to miss the festive excitement of the Christmas shopping crowds. Go to toy counters or notion counters late in the afternoon and you will be annoyed at the result. If you buy a large or bulky parcel, carry it home with you. It adds to the Christmas spirit of the crowd in many ways.

Endeavor to make yourself a conspicuous and animated figure in the crowd of Christmas shoppers. Even without vulgar pushing or jostling, you may manage to impede others' progress, by sudden or undecided movements, by stepping ahead of patient or timid people, by going backward or sideways, or by standing stock-still to read over your list.

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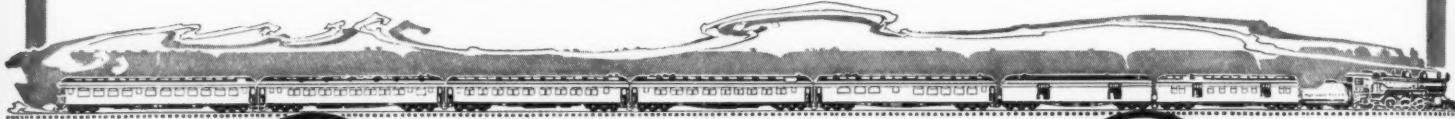
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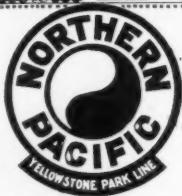
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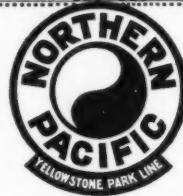


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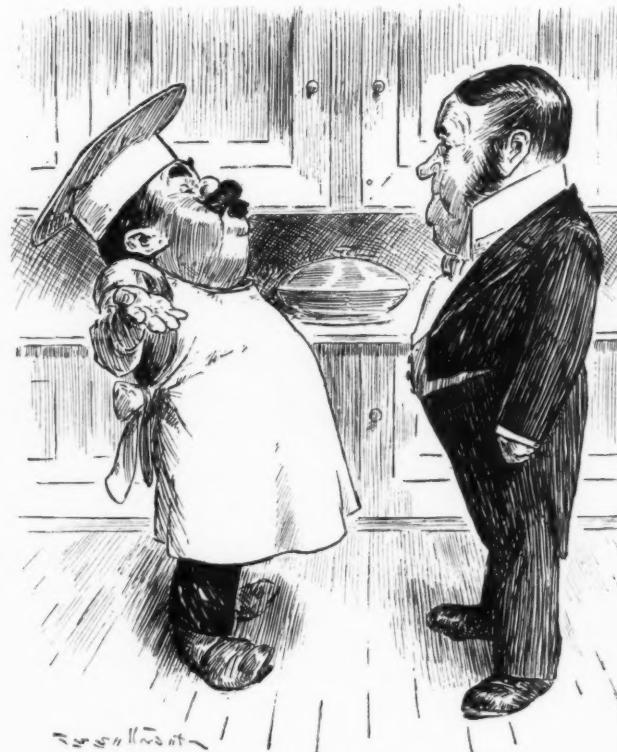
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His Limit

"I love you!" he cried, throwing all restraint to the winds.

"Do you really and truly love me?" she answered, still unyielding.

"I swear I do!"

"How much?"

"How do I know how much? With all my heart and soul and strength and mind and—"

"Wait. Couldn't you love me any more?"

"Dearest, if I loved you any more I don't think I could stand it."

"Why not?"

"I might want to marry you."

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Christmas Spirit

HOKUS: Do you expect to spend a pleasant Christmas?

POKUS: I ought to. That's about all I have left to spend.

—Woman's Home Companion.

It's foolish to be extravagant at Christmas. If you really wish your friends to remember it, give them a cheap present.—Lippincott's.

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"Now, Willie," said the superintendent's little boy addressing the blacksmith's little boy, who had come over for a frolic, "we'll play 'Sabbath School.' You give me a nickel every Sunday for six months, and then at Christmas I'll give you a ten-cent bag of candy."—*Woman's Home Companion*.

The Wreck

Ross: I hear a burglar got in your house while your wife was away.

CORY: Yes; I'm so glad. My wife won't know how much of the wreck is me and how much is him.

—*Harper's Bazaar*.

As He Understood It

A young Canadian came to Washington last winter and was making a Christmas call upon a very pretty young woman whom he met for the first time.

"Do you have reindeer in Canada?" asked the young lady.

"No, darling," he answered, "at this season it always snows."

—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

TOMMY: Pop, what is sound advice?

TOMMY'S POP: Sound advice, my son, is generally nine parts sound and one part advice.—*Philadelphia Record*.

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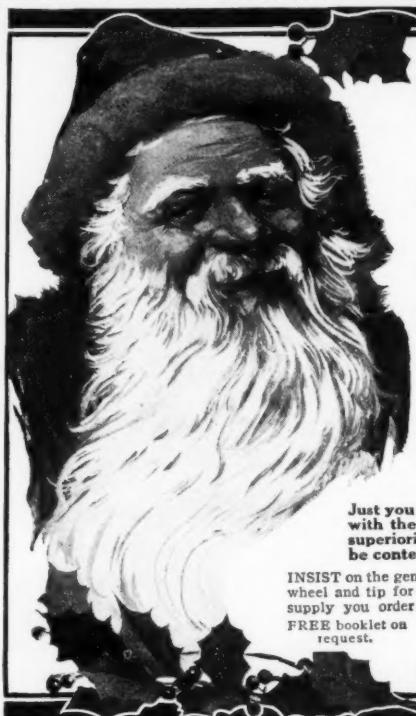
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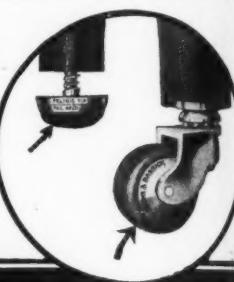
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Instead of the usual just-before-Christmas letter to Santa Claus, Robbie wrote a prayer letter to God. After enumerating the many and varied presents he wanted very much, he concluded with: "Remember, God, the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."—*Everybody's*.

Scaling the Peak

KNICKER: Is that Boston girl frigid?

BOCKER: I should say so. When fellows call on her they tie themselves together with ropes.—*Harper's Bazaar*.

LITTLE WILLIE: Pa, what's a financier?

PA: A financier, my son, is a man who is capable of inducing other men to pile up a fortune for him.—*Chicago News*.

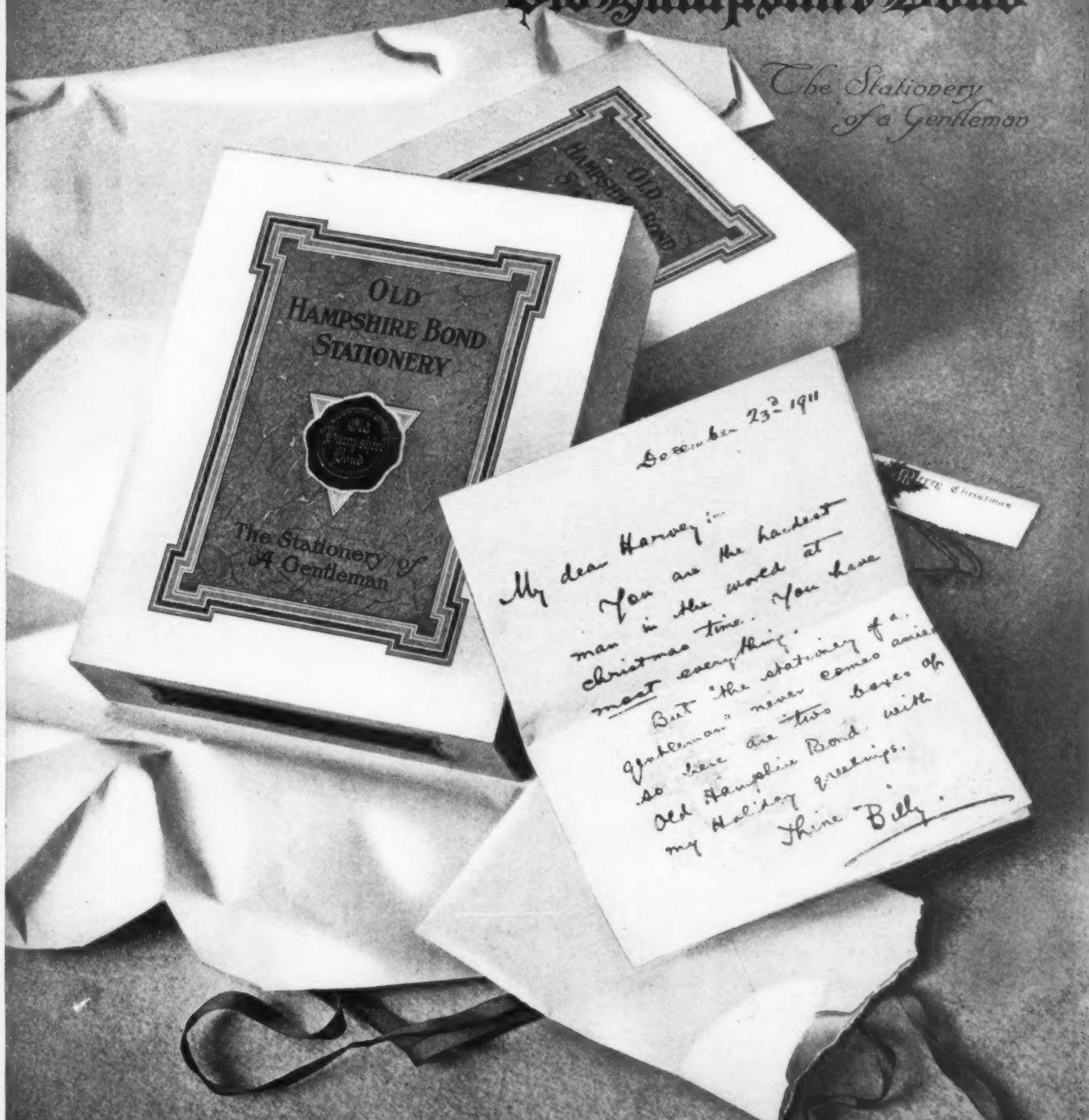


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A Canadian's Reasons

DEAR LIFE:

The recent speech of Mr. Champ Clark, in which he said that if he ran on a platform favoring the annexation of Canada and if Mr. Taft opposed the idea he would carry every State in the Union, casts a strong light on the lack of responsibility and the petty narrow views of your public men.

What would the world say if Mr. Balfour announced that if he ran on a platform in favor of annexing France, and that if Mr. Asquith opposed this scheme he would sweep England from end to end?

Would not France, as a friendly power, have some right to feel offended, and would not the world, and especially the United States, sneer at this exhibition of lack of statesmanship, so devoid of the very elements of decency?

But in England public men look upon international questions from a broad-minded standpoint, and do not make of them a football to be used in the heat and passion of local party politics. They also recognize the right of other countries to rule and govern themselves in any way they may deem fit.

Because of this constant "playing to the gallery" by your political leaders, and for many other even more important reasons, we are satisfied to remain outside your great republic, always friendly, but self-reliant and without fear.

J. HOLLISTER WILSON.

MONTREAL, CANADA,

November 3, 1911.

Is He Laughing at Us?

EDITOR OF LIFE:

SIR.—It is regrettable that your Chicago number had some details missing. For instance, the city arms, a pig rampant with the motto, "In hog signo vinces." The motto of its greatest university is "Rebateum oilet, sed non olet." The city's name is a corruption of "Ship-hog-slow," a phrase of reproach applied to early Fort Dearborn packers by rivals in other communities. The favorite dessert in Chicago is Bath-House-Johnny-cake. Slips from Mat-

thew Quay's famous plum tree, grafted on local stock, furnish the fruit for this delicious dish.

E. G. LEMCKE.

CHICAGO,

November 16, 1911.

A Blast from the Windy City

EDITOR LIFE:

What is the next town you mean to shoot up? As impenetrable ignorance of the locality mistreated seems a prime requisite, I believe I could qualify on several Eastern cities.

Yours,

JOHN U. HIGGINBOTHAM.

CHICAGO,

November 15, 1911.

For Woman Suffrage

DEAR LIFE:

You are so broad and progressive on most subjects, why do you insist upon maintaining so mediaeval an attitude toward woman suffrage? Your jokes on this theme seem so pitiful and unworthy. Do you really believe it amusing to assume that because women would help administer the Government they live under, they will dress like men and men dress like women? All the suffrage leaders I know are most womanly in dress—in the best sense of that word (I never saw one in a hobble skirt). Take your last issue: "Poor San

Francisco." Shouldn't it rather be, "Poor saloon interests and resort keepers?" And on the first page, some would-be wit talks about mistakes in voting. Pray, how did men learn to vote? By voting. How will women learn to vote? By voting. Be fair, be just, be honest on this subject, LIFE, as on others. Don't be forced to blush for your present benighted attitude twenty years hence, as you surely will.

I believe the world—like a home—needs a mother to make it a safe and decent place for our boys and girls to grow up in. Let us have a little more true, helpful, fatherhood in the home and more motherhood out in the world. Wouldn't it be a happier place? I am not a "militant suffragette" by any means, but every time I read you, I feel like becoming one. So perhaps you are really "for us," after all!

Yours very sincerely,

MARION L. STEMBEL.

LAKE MINNETONKA, MINN.,

November 8, 1911.

Virtue Our Only Reward

EDITOR OF LIFE:

There is a rumor that a certain woman has left you (LIFE) a large sum of money, provided that you will always oppose vivisection in your columns. In other words, are you being bribed to keep up this obstinate attack on the progress of medical science? Will you kindly tell me whether there is any truth in this rather startling rumor, which has come to me from several sources?

Hoping to see an answer to this letter in your columns, I am,

Yours very truly,

October 31. E. C. PELLISER.

Alas! There is no truth in that rumor.

—EDITOR OF LIFE.



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"It is a little boy," said the nurse.

"Little boy, little boy," mused the professor. "Well, ask him what he wants."

—Ladies' Home Journal.

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O, well for the weary-eyed clerk
As she waits on the trade all day!
O, well for the late night hours
Ere the buyers go away!

And the merry crowds go on
Through the many stores, and leave
The most of their gifts unbought
Till the night of Christmas Eve.

Surge, surge, surge,
Through the crowded stores, O, why!
Do they put it off till the last few hours
Before they go to buy.

George B. Staff.

Mrs. Stanton's Reply to Greeley

There was once a passage at arms between Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the eminent woman suffragist, and Horace Greeley on the occasion of a discourse by the former on the right of women to the ballot. In the midst of her talk Greeley interposed in his high pitched, falsetto voice:

"What would you do in time of war if you had the suffrage?"

This seemed like a poser, but the lady had been before the public too long to be disconcerted by an unexpected question and she promptly replied:

"Just what you have done, Mr. Greeley—stay at home and urge others to go and fight."

—Westchester County Magazine.



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MOTOR CARS

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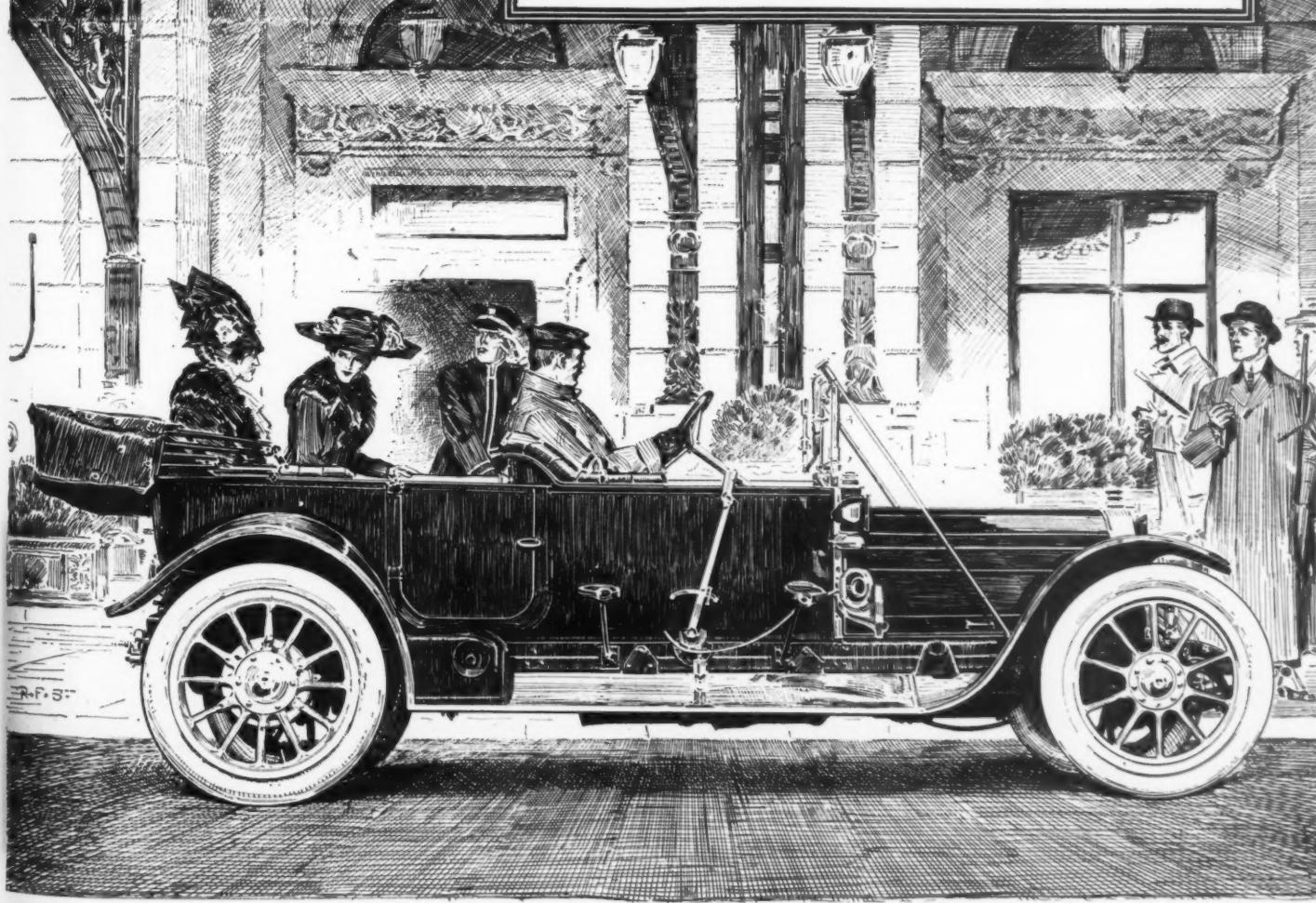
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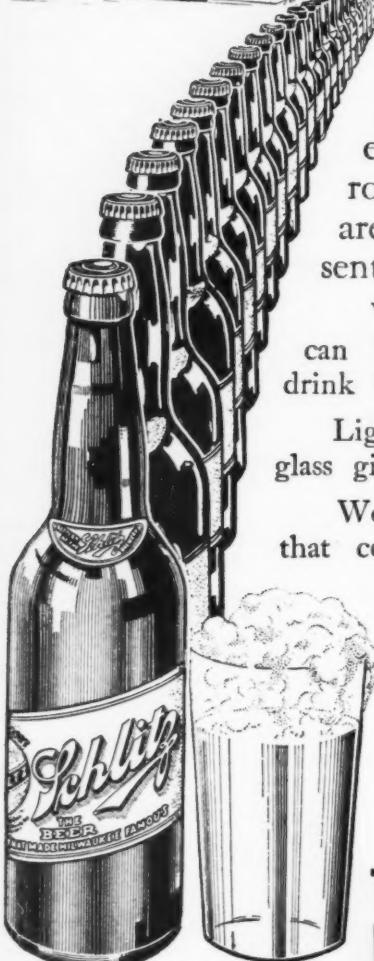
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Two Talismans

Two words unveil the peace of heaven and earth I know:
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—Poetry of the Orient, by W. R. Alger.

"DOES your husband ever lose his temper?"

"Not any more. He lost it permanently about two years after our marriage."—Chicago Record-Herald.

THERE was a meeting of the new teachers and the old. It was a sort of love feast, reception, or whatever you call it. Anyhow, all the teachers got together and pretended that they didn't have a care in the world. After the eats were eat, the symposiarch proposed a toast: "Long Live Our Teachers!"

It was drunk enthusiastically. One of the new teachers was called on to respond. He modestly accepted. His answer was: "What on?"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The "Ten Demands"

For gross wordly wisdom it would be difficult to surpass the "Ten Demands" hanging in one of the many salmon canneries at Steveston, in western Canada:

1. Don't lie. It wastes my time and yours. I am sure to catch you in the end, and that is the wrong end.

2. Watch your work, not the clock. A long day's work makes a long day short; and a short day's work makes my face long.

3. Give me more than I expect, and I will give you more than you expect. I can afford to increase your pay if you increase my profits.

4. You owe so much to yourself you cannot afford to owe anybody else. Keep out of debt, or keep out of my shops.

5. Dishonesty is never an accident. Good men, like good women, never see temptation when they meet it.

6. Mind your own business and in time you'll have a business of your own to mind.

7. Don't do anything here which hurts your self-respect. An employee who is willing to steal for me is willing to steal from me.

8. It is none of my business what you do at night. But if dissipation affects what you do the next day, and you do half as much as I demand, you'll last half as long as you hoped.

9. Don't tell me what I'd like to hear, but what I ought to hear. I don't want a valet for my vanity, but one for my dollars.

10. Don't kick if I kick. If you're worth while correcting you're worth while keeping. I don't waste time cutting specks out of rotten apples.

—Toronto Globe.

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The Westcott has 36x4 inch demountable tires; big and easy riding, and very long and very flexible springs to supplement the comfort that invariably results from generous-sized tires.

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Cooling: Positive circulation by water pump.

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Ignition: Optional Bosch dual system or Remy.

Clutch: Cone type, spring cushioned.

Transmission: Selective sliding gear type, three forward speeds and reverse. Direct drive on high.

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Springs: Semi-elliptic, front and rear.

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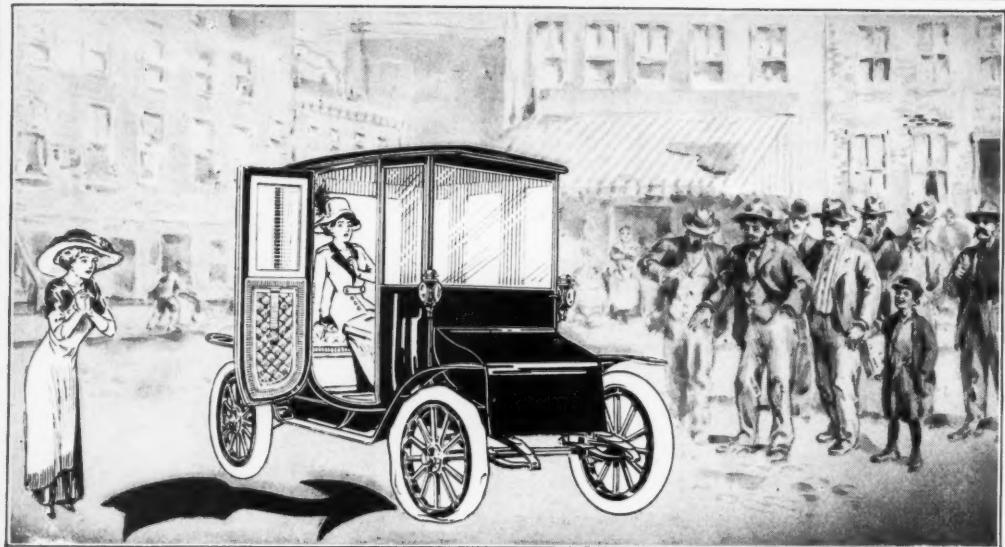
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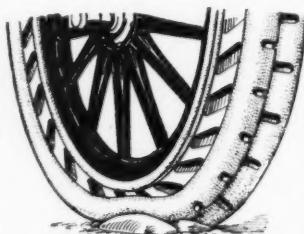
In the year 1910 the sales of Motz Tires increased sixteen-fold and 1911 records show an increase of 500 per cent, over 1910. Seventeen makers of pleasure cars now equip their machines with this trouble-proof tire. These makers produce over 95 per cent, of all American-built pleasure electrics. They use Motz Tires, notwithstanding the fact that, on the average it would cost them \$100 less to use pneumatic tires and \$125 less for solid (motor truck) tires. Thus they give you a trouble-proof, easy-riding motor car.

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AN IRISH BULL.

The Parting

The young and innocent bridegroom joyfully turned his steps homeward. It was the first day after their return from the honeymoon.

He entered his new home. As he was about to run up the front stairs—two steps at a time—he was confronted by his wife's new maid.

"Pardon me, sir," she said, "but madam is engaged."

The bridegroom stopped. The suddenness of this unexpected obstacle, precipitated thus upon his upward path, dumbfounded him.

"What do you mean?" he said.
"Who's there?"

The maid surveyed him with that calm and superior air which can only be acquired by a decade of service in the greatest metropolis of the world. She seemed preoccupied.

"Perhaps next week," she said, "say on Thursday, but no earlier."

The bridegroom laughed lightly. While he had never had any contact before with a lunatic, he had read accounts of how they were to be treated. He thought it best to humor her.

"You think," he said, "that next Thursday I might see her. Wouldn't it be better to make it Friday?"

"I think it might. I only suggested Thursday out of consideration for the fact that you have been recently married.

The bridegroom with a supreme effort continued to control himself.

"Might I ask," he said, "how the lady will occupy herself meanwhile? I hesitate to mention the matter, which seems so personal, but while you are conveying this information to me you might, if it is entirely in accordance with your dignity, inform me who is at present engaged with my wife?"

The maid consulted her engagement pad.

"Certainly," she said, with an almost unexpected air of complacence. "This

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The young husband waited to hear no more. Sweeping her aside with the frenzy of a mad man, he rushed upstairs, almost knocking over the gentleman from the Massage Emporium, and entered his wife's apartment.

"What does this mean?" he shouted.

His bride, raising her head languidly from the Turkish divan, looked at him in the utmost astonishment.

"How did you get by?" she asked, betraying by her voice the deepest chagrin. "I gave strict orders—"

"I came by my own right," he exclaimed.

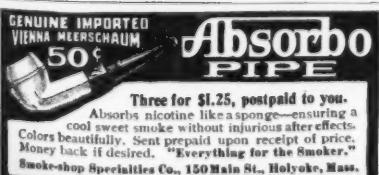
"Then go," she murmured. "I cannot permit myself to be disturbed at present. Go and never return! You have committed the unpardonable sin; I shall apply for my decree as early as possible without interfering with my present schedule. I thought that you knew better, but it is quite evident that you are unfit to be the husband of any self-respecting New York girl."

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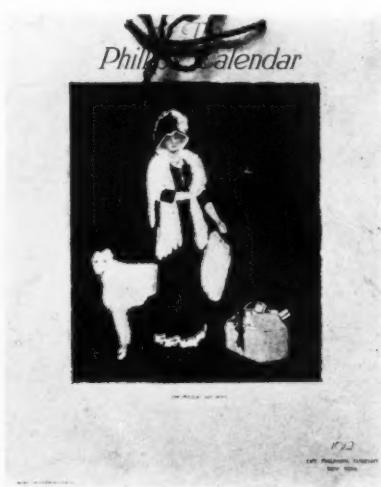
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There was Mrs. Henry Plebson, whom I had known slightly for some time; short and dumpy, carried diamonds like a day laborer, and was made up in all the rough places. She wore rats in her hair and her eyebrows had been macadamized.

She appeared like a person who had been sitting in the corridor of the Waldorf for several years and had let it soak in—a kind of female gastronomical harpie whose manners are painted on her and whose mental nourishment consists of regular doses of scandal, taken with and between meals, and yet such a creature as this, because she has untold wealth, many a man might easily sacrifice himself for.

There was Perchie Felton, whose real name was a Wall Street gambler, but who was generally known as the distinguished head of the well-known banking house, etc., etc.

This gentleman had a face like pink banknote paper with capillaries in deeper shades. His life had been a constant struggle between alcohol and the higher graft—and it was a draw. In one sense he was a professional gentleman, passing the plate on Sunday morning and playing bridge in the afternoon on rainy days.

There were many others whom I disregarded and I made a bee line for the scrunchy girl. There was something about her. I saw it in her eye. We got on at once—on the affinity basis. Somehow I divined at once that she was a sufferer like myself.

"Horrible crowd," I whispered after a while.

"As good as the average," she replied. "What can you expect?"

"Um," I replied. "I suppose she"—indicating our genial hostess, the Railroad President's wife—"prides herself on it."

"Why not? They are all leaders. Each one, by his or her presence, contributes to her ambition."

"I'm no leader," I replied.

She looked at me critically.

"You're rich and respectable," she declared, with a more than bored expression.

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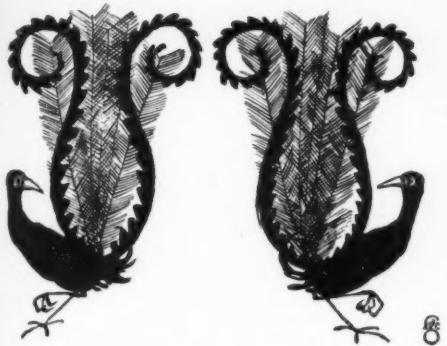
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"No," I said, with a laugh. "I'm just rich."

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She sighed.

"It's an awful life," she continued. "I don't know why I say this to you, but I'd give anything to be a washerwoman—I'd like to plow the earth for a living. Look at them! Oiling each other, exchanging the flattest commonplaces! I loathe the whole crowd."

"I step in here occasionally, or at similar places," I replied, "just to get a stimulus. It's like a glimpse into Hell, you know, and of course you saw I was that sort—that's why you have confided in me. I knew also you were the same. I could tell by the look in your eye. It's strange, isn't it, how people reveal themselves to each other?"

"Thank you," she said—as I fancied, almost humbly. "It is strange, and very wonderful. Pardon me—are you married?"

"Once or twice," I replied. "That seems to be one of the things we can hardly escape. And you?"

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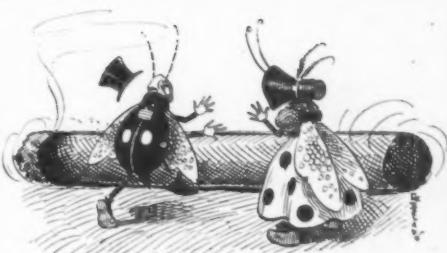
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"And I," I replied, "I feel the same. It's their intellectual cant that sickens me. It isn't always the gloating over their money, but the gloating over their own inexhaustible lack of intelligence—or spirituality—whatever that is."

"That's it!" she exclaimed. "I see you understand. We knew each other instinctively, didn't we? Oh, my dear friend"—she lowered her voice—"we must meet again. Here comes my husband."

I looked up furtively. We were in a far corner and I thought unobserved. But—

"We must meet again," I repeated, in a whisper. "But you are right. For here comes my wife."

I looked at her with a hurried smile.

"Quick," I muttered, "you have not told me your name yet."

"Sh——. It is Mrs. Perchie Felton. And yours?"

"Henry Plebson," I replied, not without an inward shudder.

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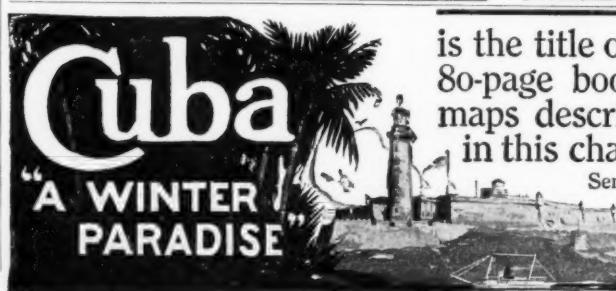
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"Who wrote 'The Merchant of Ve-
rona'?"

"It isn't only buying GIFTS,
But holly ribbon—tissue-paper—" "I WON'T go in those crowded lifts!"
"Have you a hammered-brass crum-
scraper?"

"The thing you WANT you NEVER
find—" "Yes, but I s'pose she has a
dozen—" "My DEAR, I've simply LOST my
MIND—" "What SHALL I get for William's
cousin?" "Don't you keep crewels any more?"

"She won't have records that ain't
classic—" "I've tried in every single store—
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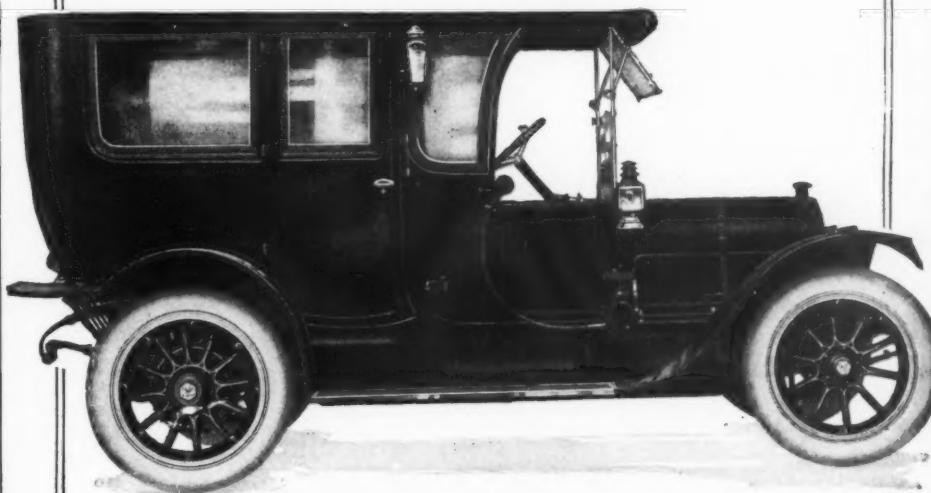


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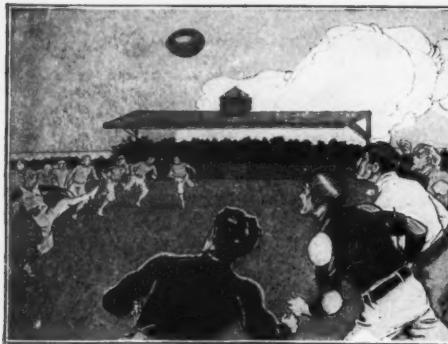
—Carolyn Wells in *The Delineator*.

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Some More About Maud

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Her brows went up, the scales went high,
Maud Muller stood and said: "Oh, my!"

Straight to a Turkish bath she ran
And cried: "Reduce me, if you can."

They steamed, they rubbed, they pounded Maud
Who felt herself too thick and broad.

But when 'twas done, they sighed:
"No use;
Your weight we simply can't reduce."

She banted then, she lived on grain,
But found her dieting in vain.

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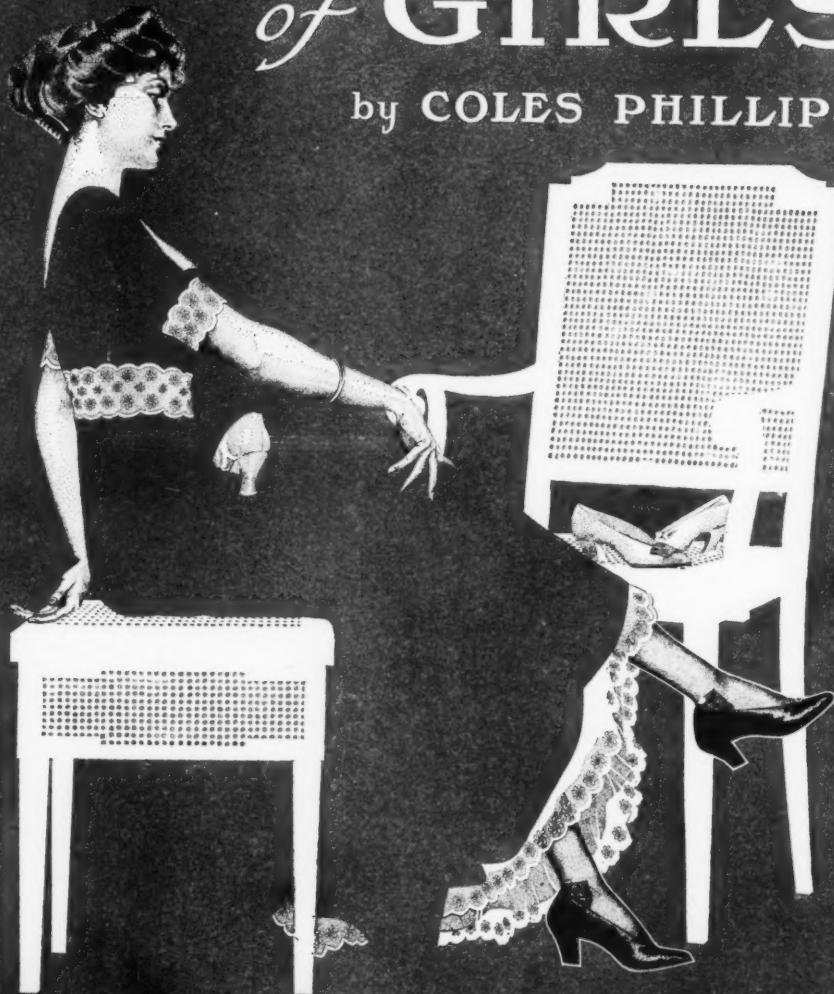
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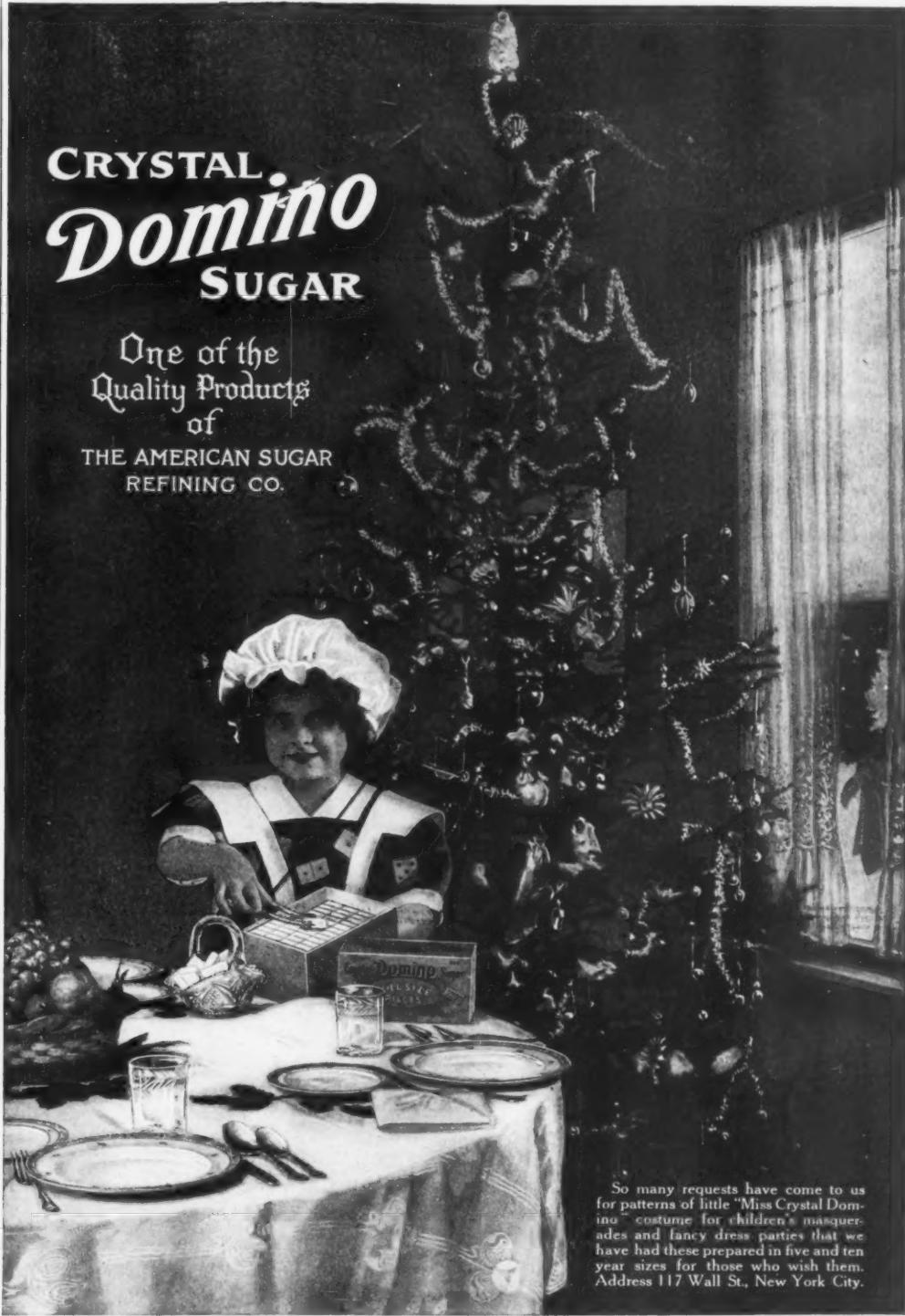
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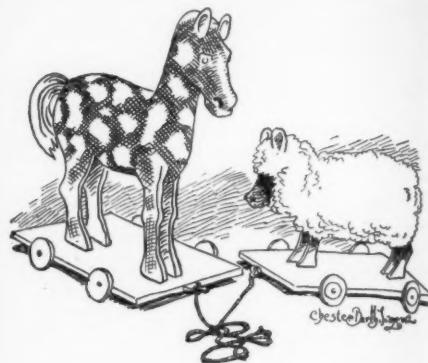
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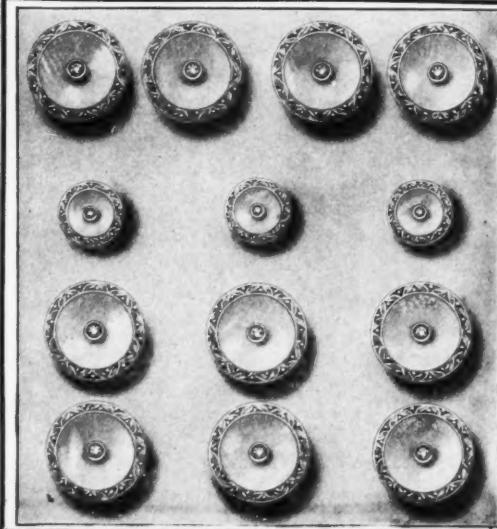
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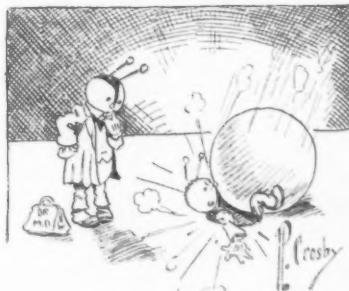
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To Arnold Bennett

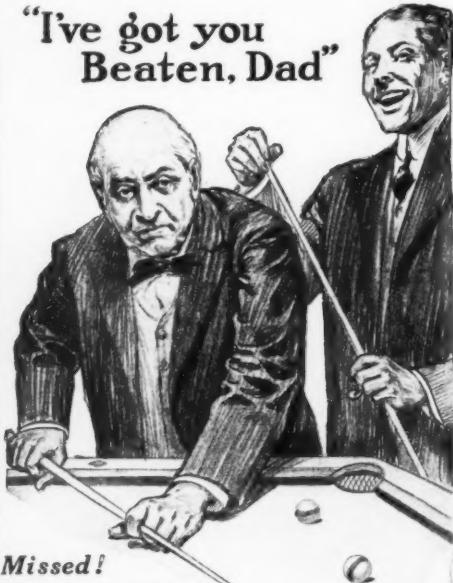
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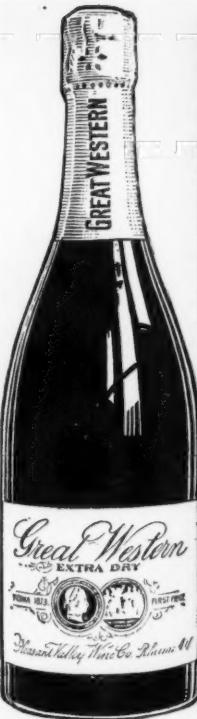
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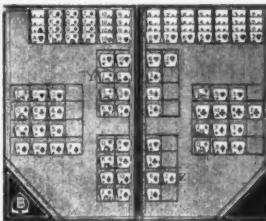
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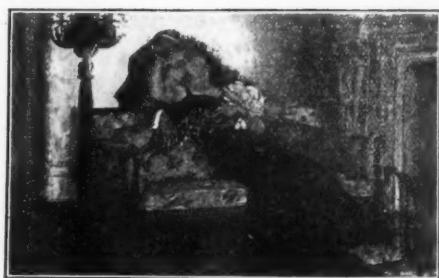


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The Song of the Eastern Stars, by Anna Mathewson. (R. G. Badger Co., Boston, Mass. \$1.00.)

The Henry James Year Book, by Henry James and William Dean Howells. (R. G. Badger Co., Boston, Mass. Cloth, \$1.50; leather, \$2.00.)

The Ballad of the White Horse, by Gilbert Chesterton. (John Lane Co. \$1.25.)

The Power of Tolerance, by George Harvey. (Harper & Bros. \$1.50.)

Bashful Ballads, by Burges Johnson. (Harper & Bros. \$1.00.)

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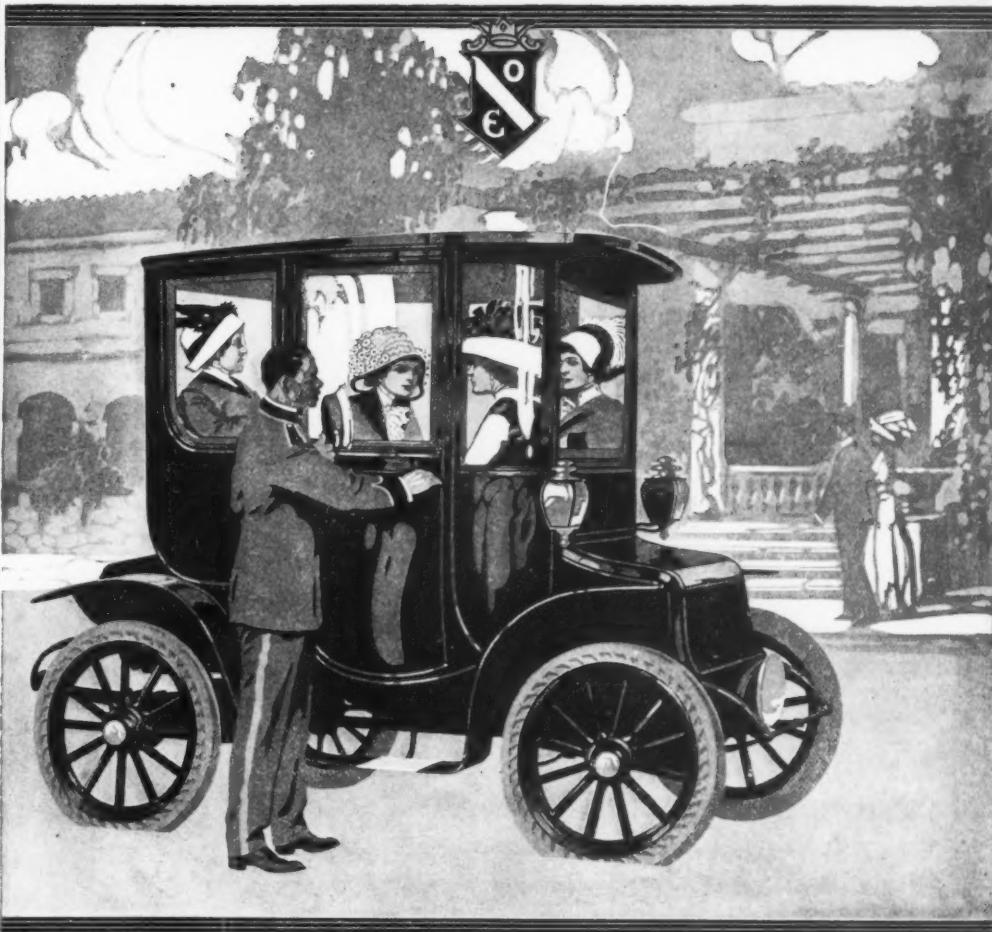
Francesca, by Florence Morse Kingsley. (R. G. Badger Co. \$1.25 net.)

The Adventures of a Suburbanite, by Ellis Parker Butler. (Doubleday, Page & Company.)

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No Extra Price

No-Rim-Cut tires now cost the same as other standard tires. So the saving is clear.

These patented tires, when our output was smaller, cost 20 per cent. more than clincher tires.

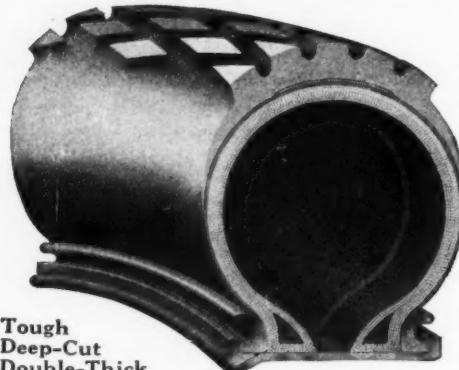
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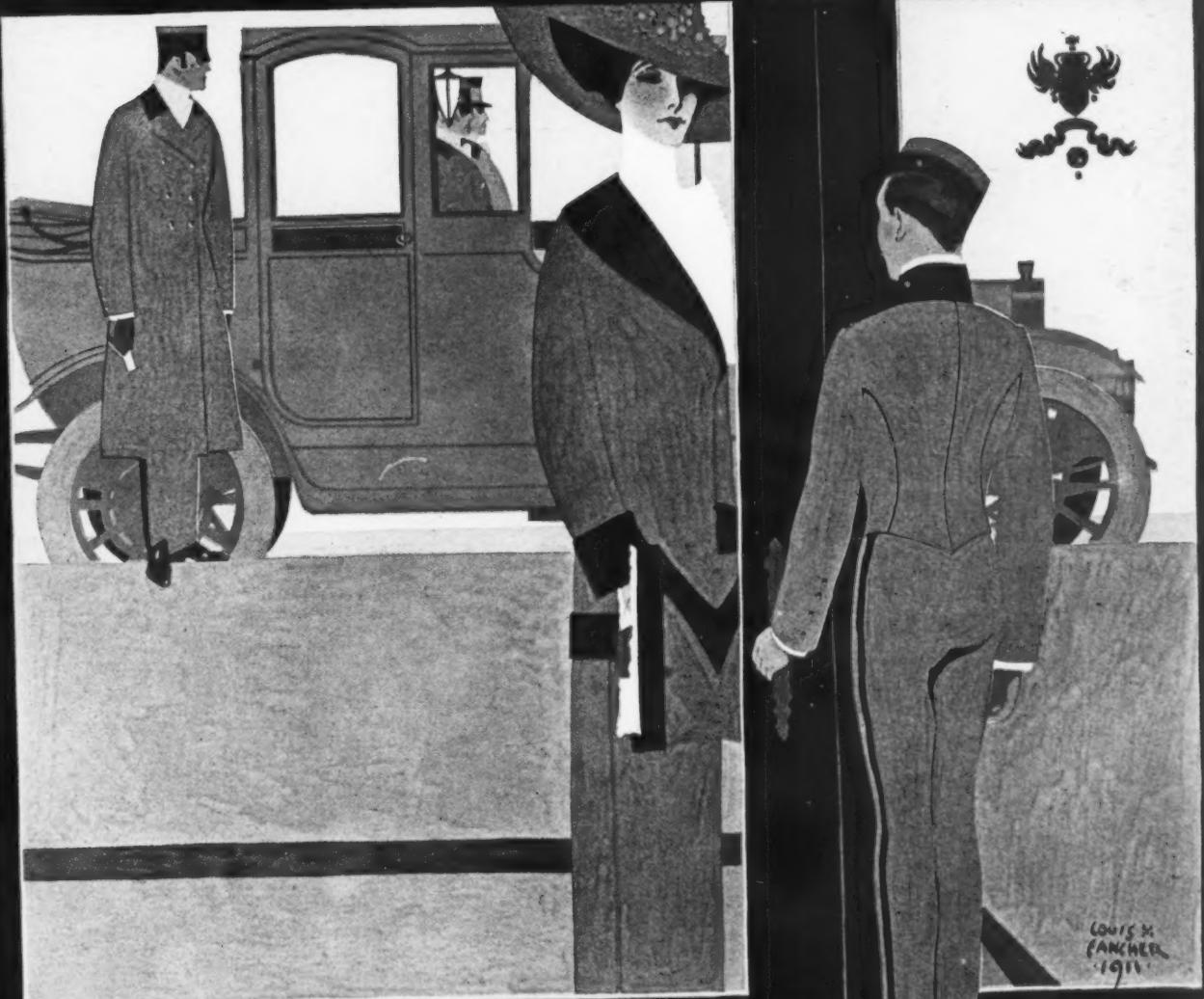
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